**Actuele lesbrief Engels – The Latest Hit**

**Voor de docent**

De film *Barbie* is een onverwachte hit.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B2 – *Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan artikelen en verslagen over hedendaagse problemen begrijpen, waarin de schrijvers bepaalde stellingen of standpunten innemen. (LEB2-3a)*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

Apparently, the film *Barbie* is one of the most popular films of 2023.

*The film* Barbie *got much more hype than people would have expected.*

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Name 5 or more different text genres.

**The Latest Hit**

Read [5berger's review](https://www.teenink.com/reviews/movie_reviews/article/1205180/Barbie) of *Barbie*.

Assignment 2

a Read the text. Find and mark the following words and expressions:

***feel off*** – ***characteristics*** – ***human world*** – ***controversy*** – ***unrealistic*** – ***insecurities*** – ***progress*** – ***plot*** – ***soundtrack*** – ***memorable*** – ***cringy***

b Insert the above words and expressions to make correct sentences.

1 ***.................*** is a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings.

2 If events ***.................***, they move forward.

3 If people or things are not shown as they are in real life, they are shown in an ***.................*** way.

4 If you are not doing as well as you would usually do, you ***.................***.

5 People who are very unsure about themselves have lots of ***.................***.

6 Something that is worth remembering is ***.................***.

7 The ***.................*** of a person are all the special qualities that belong to them.

8 The ***.................*** is all the places on earth where we people live.

9 The ***.................*** of a film is all the events which make up the story.

10 The ***.................*** of a film is all the music recorded for it.

11 Things are ***.................*** when they are really embarrassing and awkward.

Assignment 3

a Choose the best summary of this film review.

1 The review gives no opinion, only a summary of the plot of Barbie.

2 The reviewer hated Barbie because of the cringy lines.

3 The reviewer names good and bad things, but is generally positive.

4 The reviewer names some positive things, but in general the review is negative.

b Which of the following aspects did the reviewer like about Barbie? Choose all the correct answers.

1 Packed with humor.

2 Ryan Gosling as Ken.

3 The actors that acted like normal people

4 The cringy lines.

5 The humor.

c What is the role of soundtrack in the film?

1 Some artists have become very popular because their music was in the film.

2 The music fit really well with the different emotions in different scenes.

3 The songs were very relatable and powerful.

4 Without the music, the film would just have been very dramatic and sad.