

Directions: Push play on the audio and then type the missing words in the boxes. When you finish, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click ‘**Finish**’, then click ‘**Check my Answers**’. You can do the Dictation Exercise a total of 3 times. After the 3rd time, take a screenshot of each page of your results and paste them in the homework file.

For _____, toys are for fun and _____. For adults, the same toys can bring back _____ memories of their _____. And recent _____ shows more adults are _____ toys for themselves. According to the _____ research group Circana, adult toy _____ in the US, sometimes called "_____" bought more toys for themselves than were _____ for 3-5-year-olds in the first _____ of 2024. And _____ an 8% _____ in US toy sales last year, adult sales remained _____. Circana _____ that US adults _____ over \$1.5 billion on toys and _____ in just the first quarter of 2024, with popular _____ including Lego sets and "Squishmallows" _____.

Frédérique Tutt, a _____ toy industry _____ at Circana, told Business Insider that in the US, _____ made up 17% of total toy _____ in 2023, _____ about \$6.7 billion. Europe saw a similar _____, with adults over 18 _____ about 16% of toy sales, _____ about \$2.8 billion. Tutt _____ this "kidult" market as a "global _____" — one that's especially strong in Japan and South Korea.

She also says the _____ of popular _____ like The Mandalorian and the Barbie movie have _____ adult interest in related _____. Barbie is made by Mattel, a California-based toy maker. In October, Steve Totzke, Mattel's president and _____ commercial officer, _____ the Los Angeles Times that adult interest in _____ like Barbie has grown _____, with adults _____ as much as 25% of sales of some of the company's toy lines.

The _____ behind this trend seems to be a _____ of nostalgic _____, says Tutt. Adults are _____ toys that _____ them of their childhood _____, and brands are using this _____ to boost sales. _____ nostalgia and play might be one of the best ways for adults to escape daily _____ and enjoy simpler times — so _____ and _____ your days as a child by playing with _____!