

FCE – Listening

**Instructions:** Read the first part of the article by BBC reporter and then listen and fill in the blanks with the appropriate words.

**Barbie house protest**

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**BBC reporter,** Steve Evans:

It wasn't the opening which the [ ] planned. [ ] protesters said the Barbie doll turned women into [ ]. A [ ] member of the Femen protest group, had "Life in [ ] is not fantastic" written on her bare chest. She set fire to a Barbie doll. In what the organisers call the Barbie [ ] Experience, a hundred gallons of pink paint were used to [ ] the exhibition. The colour [ ] a protest from a group called Pink [ ] whose members said there was too much [ ] on becoming more beautiful and on being pretty, and that put an [ ] lot of pressure on girls. The other Barbie Dreamhouse, in America, has not been the target of [ ]. The Berlin version continues until August and then [ ] Europe. There will be more opportunity for protest - and also for visits by Barbie's [ ] fans

**Instructions:** Answer the question about the listening A-D

1. The report says that.
  - a. All women are angry about the Barbie house
  - b. The Barbie house is disrespectful to women
  - c. Barbie fans love the exhibition
  - d. Women's groups are angered by the house

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## TRANSCRIPTS AND ANSWERS

### 1. Barbie house protest

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BBC reporter, Steve Evans:

It wasn't the opening which the **organisers** planned. **Feminist** protesters said the Barbie doll turned women into **objects**. A **semi-naked** member of the Femen protest group, had "Life in **plastic** is not fantastic" written on her bare chest. She set fire to a Barbie doll. In what the organisers call the Barbie **Dreamhouse** Experience, a hundred gallons of pink paint were used to **decorate** the exhibition. The colour **provoked** a protest from a group called Pink **Stinks** whose members said there was too much **emphasis** on becoming more beautiful and on being pretty, and that put an **awful** lot of pressure on girls. The other Barbie Dreamhouse, in America, has not been the target of **protest**. The Berlin version continues until August and then **tours** Europe. There will be more opportunity for protest - and also for visits by Barbie's **countless** fans

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