

## **Fun and interesting facts (About Barbie)**

### **1. Who inspired the name Barbie?**

Ruth Handler's daughter, Barbara, was the main inspiration behind the creation of Barbie. After watching Barbara playing with paper dolls, Ruth created a doll that allowed girls to visualize their future adult roles. She named the doll after her daughter, Barbara, which is why it became known as Barbie.

### **2. How many countries was Barbie sold in?**

Barbie has been sold in about 150 countries since its creation.

### **3. Who has the largest collection of Barbie dolls?**

Bettina Dorfmann, a German woman, has the largest collection of Barbie dolls in the world. She holds a Gunnies world record for the largest collection of Barbie dolls and has also written books about Barbie.

### **4. Where was the most expensive Barbie sold?**

The most expensive Barbie was sold at an auction held at Christie's, New York, USA. The doll sold for about \$302,500 on October 20, 2010. An Australian jewelry designer, Stefano Canturi, created the Barbie doll. The doll was featured wearing a Cubism necklace with an Argyle pink diamond and carre-cut white diamonds.

### **5. How many Barbies were sold in the first year of release?**

About 350,000 Barbie toys were sold in her first year

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