

Made in China
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Barbie: Are you stuck in a dead-end job?

Do you want to change careers as fast as I change outfits?

Then enroll today in the Barbie Technical Institute, where you' ll
choose from careers like ambassador, dentist, lifeguard,

astronaut, princess, racecar driver, ballerina! All classes are
taught by me, Barbie! The only person in the world who' s had 126
careers- and counting! Wait, I was never a fortune cookie writer!

Not that there' s anything wrong with that!

Yes, graduate from Barbie Technical Institute and your resume will
look like mine!

So, get off that couch and start on the career of your dreams.

Enroll now! Operators are standing by.

The Barbie Technical Institute.

Voice-Over: Barbie Technical Institute is accredited by the
association of non-accredited colleges. Outfits not included,
diplomas sold separately.

Barbie: That' s right! I' ve never been a fortune cookie writer before! That would be a great job for me. I have a lot of fortune. And I love cookies! Especially ones with pink sprinkles! **** To the phone book! (*flipping through phone book*) Hmm... firefighter- did that, flight attendant- did that, football coach did that ... oh, wait! There it is! "Fortune Cookie Writer." It says to call "Lucky Golden Dragon Mongolian Kitchen Panda Snake Garden Fortune Cookie Factory" in Chinatown. China? Hmm... I better brush up on my Chinese. It' s been a while since my days as a model on the Great Wall runway. Hey, Siri!

Siri: Hello, Barbie.

Barbie: Siri, I need to know how to say "hello" in Chinese.

Siri: Ni hao

Barbie: Yes, that' s right I need to know how. Can you tell me?

Siri: Ni hao

Barbie: Yes!! How?

Siri: What now?

Barbie: Now how!

Siri: Ni Hao

Barbie: Gosh, I wonder if Apple knows there's a glitch with the new phone. This one's useless. Ooh! Guess I'll just have to go shopping for a new one!

Barbie: Here it is! Lucky Golden Dragon Mongolian Kitchen Panda Snake Garden Fortune Cookie Factory!

Wow, look at all this beautiful Chinese décor! I wonder what all this Chinese means (*takes picture of the wall*) Translate (*presses "translate" on phone- does this for each quote*) "When the tree fall, the monkey scatter." Awww poor monkeys I hope they're okay "Draw snake, add feet." "A smile gain you ten more year of life." Ooh! (*tries smiling a few times*).

Chinese: (*bowing*) Ni hao.

Barbie: Ohhh.

Chinese: Wǒ zěnmē bāng nǐ

Barbie: Huh? Ohhh you speak Chinese. Luckily for you so do I. (in loud accent and bowing) I here to apply for writing fortune cookie job. Been to China mucho times, have I. I Barbie. And you are...?

Yu: Yu.

Barbie: No not me, You.

Yu: Yes, I am Yu.

Barbie: No no no. I don't think you understand. Who. Are. You?

Yu: That right. I am Yu.

Barbie: No offense but you are definitely not me...I would never wear that.

Yu: As man cannot be known by looks, neither can sea be fathomed by grain of rice.

Barbie: Whoa...that' s deep.

Yu: It deep for someone who shallow.

Barbie: Huh?

Yu: (eye roll) you want to write fortune for cookies. you have experience?

Barbie: Lots! You must remember Chinese Barbie from 1994? Yes, that' s right! I have been to your very own birthland. (*closing eyes dreamily*) I remember the rolling green hills at the Great Wall, cuddling with giant pandas, trekking the freezing slopes of Mount Everest, and tanning in the warm sun at the Taj Mahal...

Yu: Ah- Taj Mahal not-

Barbie: -not now!...I' m reminiscing. Perhaps my favorite part was cooking chicken with the brave but soft-hearted General Tso or making peace with the fierce and relentless Achilles the Heel

Yu: Atilla the Hun, not Achilles the Heel

Barbie:- and I' ll never forget awarding Mulan the Nobel Peace Prize. So, yes I fell in love with China and let me tell you I feel so deeply for you! (sniffs) I couldn' t imagine what you must have gone through...having to pack all your belongings, leave your homeland, and rickshaw all the way to America... (crying)

Yu:...I come from San Francisco... I get you form to fill out. Then we test writing skill.

phone rings

Barbie: Oh! That' s my boyfriend...you should meet him, he' s perfect.

Yu: It impossible to find perfect man as it is to find 100 percent pure gold.

Barbie: Okaaaaay...Ni hao, Ken! What? No, Ken, wait! This isn' t a sales call! It' s me, Barbie! What am I doing in China? Wait- you knew that was Chinese? (*to self*) Why am I the only person who can' t speak Chinese? I' m not in China, Ken. I' m at Lucky Golden Dragon Mongolian Kitchen Panda Snake Garden Fortune Cookie Factory! I- no. No, Ken, stop giving me your order. I' m not here to pick up takeout. Gotta go! I' ll bring you a fortune cookie I wrote! Bye!!

Yu: here form. fill out each line.

Barbie: Let' s see... Name: Barbie, Address: Malibu, California, Age... Ooooh. That' s a good one. I' m really 59 years old, but I don' t look a day over 16! I' ll put 21. Occupation: 126 of them! And counting!

Barbie: So you work here?

Yu: When mute person eat dumpling, he know how many he eat, even though he cannot speak.

Barbie: Riiiiight.

Yu: Let see what can you do. You have one minute to write many fortune as possible. Go!

Barbie: (*thinking*) Hmm... "Good luck." No. "Best wishes." Not quite... "Get well soon." Oh, no. "Enjoy the ride." "Break a leg." Maybe?

Yu: Forty second!

Barbie: "If the shoe fits... get another one just like it" "A new purse in the hand... is worth two in the closet!" "Keep your cash close... but your credit cards even closer!" "Where there' s a Will... there' s a William!" "How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?"

Yu: Twenty second!

Barbie: "A day without sunshine is... really dark!" Life is tough but at the end of the day it' s.....the end of the day!" "May the force be with you!" "those who live by the sword die by the sword and those who die by the sword...die!"

Yu: Time up!

Barbie: Whew! All set!

Yu: let see what you write (*takes paper*) "Diamond are way to girl heart"

Barbie: It' s so true!

Yu: You supposed to write fortune, not Valentine.

Barbie: Any girl that gets diamonds is very fortunate!

Yu: (*takes paper*) "We girl can do anything."

Barbie: Also very true

Yu: (*sighing*) you have anything intelligent to offer?

Barbie: I... yes!

Yu: Well?

Barbie: "Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others."

Yu: Where you get that?

Barbie: Well, you should know! Wasn' t that Confusion?

Yu: when you say it, it is.

Barbie: No, I mean that really smart Chinese guy.

Yu: That not Confucius.

Barbie: Oh! Well maybe it was Martin Luther King, Jr. Or Thomas Jefferson? Or maybe Ken said that last night...

Yu: It take more than one cold day for river to freeze three feets deep.

Barbie: Huh?

Yu: Sorry but you not cut out for job. In end, one expect Barbie know more about China...

Barbie: Why is that?

Yu: After all, is not Barbie made in China?

