

Video zone

### Warrior women

Game of Thrones is a TV series known for its battle scenes. In this video, watch two of the show's most popular actresses preparing to film their characters' dramatic fight scene.

### **Tasks**

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises. You can also read the transcript.

### **Preparation task**

Match the definitions (a-h) with the vocabulary (1-8).

Vocabulary	Definition
<ol> <li> to trust somebody</li> <li> a foot</li> </ol>	a. to plan the movements for a performance (e.g. a dance or film scene)
<ol> <li>3 a challenge</li> <li>4 a step</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>b. a professional who substitutes an actor to do the dangerous parts of a performance</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>5 to choreograph</li> <li>6 a stunt double</li> <li>7 a skill set</li> <li>8 to put somebody in harm's way</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>c. a movement when you put one foot in front of the other</li> <li>d. the combination of abilities that a person has</li> <li>e. a measurement of about 30 centimetres</li> <li>f. to put somebody into a dangerous situation</li> <li>g. something that is difficult to do, so you need to make an effort to achieve it</li> </ul>
	h. to feel confident that you can depend on somebody

#### Task 1

Write a number (1-5) to put the ideas in the order they are mentioned.

Using stunt doubles
 What the fight tells us about the characters
 The choreography of the fight
 The good feeling between the two actresses
The difference in height between the two actresses



### Task 2

Circle the word or phrase that completes the sentence.

1.	The director says that it was to make the scene enjoyable.				
	a. difficult	b. easy	c. impossible		
2.	The blonde actress says that she felt the other actress.				
	a. confident about	b. inspired by	c. surprised by		
3.	The scene was to prepare because of the difference in height between the actresses.				
	a. dangerous	b. difficult	c. fun		
4.	The scene had stunt doubles so that the two actresses would				
	a. learn 'fighting' skills	b. have time to relax	c. not be in danger		
5.	The blonde actress says that we discover things about the characters by				
	<ul><li>a. listening to how they speak</li></ul>	<ul><li>b. reading the story related to the TV series</li></ul>	c. watching how they move		
6.	At the end of the video, the blonde-haired character asks the other character				
	a. who her teacher is	b. who she is	c. who her mother is		

### **Discussion**

Can you describe an actor or actress who you think is very talented? What is your favourite TV series?



### **Transcript**

(Director: Rolling, rolling.)

(Crew member: Cue marker.)

**Director of photography**: The fun thing about the Arya and Brienne thing was, I don't think we had to do too much to it to make it really fun to watch, because everybody's wanted to see these two together for a long time. And if they didn't know they did, they certainly do the minute the two of them meet.

(Maisie: Nice.)

**Gwendoline**: It was so exciting to train for that fight. And we trusted each other.

**Maisie**: But to be fighting Gwen, who is far over a foot taller than me, and for her to be, you know, fighting someone who's far, far shorter than her, it's been a massive challenge.

(Shouting)

**Stunt coordinator**: Generally, as you attack, you move forward, and as you defend, you move back. And they have completely different sizes of gait, of step. That was a big challenge to choreograph that and deal with those issues.

**Stunt coordinator**: We used stunt doubles for their skill sets, and also to put them in harm's way to a degree.

**Director**: Three, two, one, action!

**Gwendoline**: In a fight, it's so much more than ... just choreography. (*Characters fight.*) Every movement says something about the character. It tells the story of these two very different warriors.

Gwendoline (playing Brienne): Who taught you how to do that?

Maisie (playing Arya): No one.



### **Answers**

### **Preparation task**

- 1. h
- 2. e
- 3. g
- 4. c
- 5. a
- 6. b
- 7. d
- 8. f

### Task 1

4	Using stunt doubles
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### Task 2

- 1. b
- 2. a
- 3. b
- 4. c
- 5. c 6. a