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## Level 6

### Director for new Batman movie coming soon

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# THE ARTICLE

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The movie industry magazine 'Variety' reports that Mr Reeves is in initial talks with the production company Warner Bros. to accept taking over as director. It is reported that Mr Affleck stepped down from the role late last month. Industry sources revealed that the studio has had multiple meetings with Reeves about becoming director. Mr Reeves is currently in post-production with his latest movie 'War for the Planet of the Apes,' which opens on July 14. Variety said it should be no problem for Reeves to take over as 'The Batman' director and that he will likely do so later this year. Filming was initially due to begin in May, as the script has already been written. However, it is now expected to begin later in 2017.

Sources: <http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/heat-vision/batman-movie-director-matt-reeves-talks-ben-affleck-departs-as-helmer-972900>  
<http://movieweb.com/batman-director-matt-reeves-announced/>  
<http://variety.com/2017/film/news/the-batman-new-director-matt-reeves-ben-affleck-1201977575/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. BATMAN MOVIES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Batman movies. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

movie / announced / director / decision / focus / passion / performance / collaborate / magazine / role / sources / meetings / no problem / initially / script / expected

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. BATMAN:** Students A **strongly** believe Batman is a good role model good for kids; Students B **strongly** believe he isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. MOVIES:** Discuss these movie genres? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good for us?	What can we learn?	Message
Superhero			
Romance			
Horror			
Fantasy			
Anime			
War			

**5. MOVIE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "movie". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. SUPERHEROES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Batman
- Wonder Woman
- Harry Potter
- Power Puff Girls
- Superman
- Darna
- Power Rangers
- Sailor Moon

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Ben Affleck will not be the director of the new Batman movie. **T / F**
- b. The possible new director also directed Planet of the Apes movies. **T / F**
- c. Ben Affleck said it would be too difficult to act in and direct the movie. **T / F**
- d. Ben Affleck said he didn't want to collaborate with anyone. **T / F**
- e. The movie company has yet to talk to a possible director. **T / F**
- f. Matt Reeves has totally finished his last film. **T / F**
- g. The script for the new Batman movie has not been finished. **T / F**
- h. Filming on the new Batman movie will start later in 2017. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>1. announced</b> | a. intensity   |
| <b>2. tough</b>     | b. beginning   |
| <b>3. demands</b>   | c. huge        |
| <b>4. passion</b>   | d. screenplay  |
| <b>5. massive</b>   | e. made public |
| <b>6. initial</b>   | f. probable    |
| <b>7. sources</b>   | g. difficult   |
| <b>8. likely</b>    | h. informants  |
| <b>9. script</b>    | i. anticipated |
| <b>10. expected</b> | j. requires    |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a new Batman movie in             | a. decision            |
| 2. it was a tough                    | b. been written        |
| 3. Performing this role demands      | c. with me             |
| 4. It has become clear that I cannot | d. due to begin in May |
| 5. a director who will collaborate   | e. to begin later      |
| 6. the studio has had multiple       | f. the making          |
| 7. it should be no problem for       | g. focus               |
| 8. Filming was initially             | h. meetings            |
| 9. the script has already            | i. Reeves to take over |
| 10. it is now expected               | j. do both jobs        |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

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tough  
collaborate  
originally  
massive  
demands  
making  
level  
reins

The movie (9) \_\_\_\_\_ magazine 'Variety' reports that Mr Reeves is in initial talks with the production company Warner Bros. to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ taking over as director. It is reported that Mr Affleck stepped down from the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ late last month. Industry sources revealed that the studio has had (12) \_\_\_\_\_ meetings with Reeves about becoming director. Mr Reeves is (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in post-production with his latest movie 'War for the Planet of the Apes,' which opens on July 14. Variety said it should be no problem for Reeves to (14) \_\_\_\_\_ over as 'The Batman' director and that he will likely do so later this year. Filming was initially (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to begin in May, as the script has already been written. However, it is now (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to begin later in 2017.

accept  
take  
multiple  
expected  
industry  
due  
role  
currently

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

- 1) There is a new Batman movie in the making and a director for it could \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be announce it soon
  - b. be announcement soon
  - c. been announced soon
  - d. be announced soon
- 2) Affleck said it was a tough decision to hand over \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the direct in rains
  - b. the directing reigns
  - c. the directing reins
  - d. the direct in reins
- 3) Performing this role demands focus, passion and the very \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pest performance
  - b. vest performance
  - c. best performance
  - d. lest performance
- 4) It has become clear that I cannot do both jobs to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. level they require
  - b. levels they requires
  - c. levels they require
  - d. level they requires
- 5) a director who will collaborate with me on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. this missive film
  - b. this massive film
  - c. this passive film
  - d. this missile film
- 6) The movie industry magazine 'Variety' reports that Mr Reeves is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in initially talks
  - b. in initial talk
  - c. in initial talks
  - d. on initial talks
- 7) It is reported that Mr Affleck stepped down from the role \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. late last month
  - b. later last month
  - c. lately past month
  - d. late past month
- 8) Industry sources revealed that the studio has had \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. multiply meetings
  - b. multiplied meetings
  - c. multiplex meetings
  - d. multiple meetings
- 9) Variety said it should be no problem for Reeves \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to take over
  - b. to give over
  - c. to get over
  - d. to do over
- 10) initially due to begin in May, as the script has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. already being written
  - b. already been written
  - c. already been write
  - d. all ready been written

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

1. Who was originally going to direct 'The Batman'?
2. What kind of decision did the original director have to take?
3. What does the role demand besides focus and passion?
4. What could the original director not do at the same time?
5. What does the original director want to do with the new director?
6. What is the name of the magazine mentioned in the article?
7. When did the previous director step down?
8. How many meetings have the studio and potential director had?
9. When does 'War for the Planet of the Apes' open?
10. What has already been written?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

- 1) Who was originally going to direct 'The Batman'?
  - a) Matt Reeves
  - b) Martin Scorsese
  - c) Steven Spielberg
  - d) Ben Affleck
- 2) What kind of decision did the original director have to take?
  - a) an easy one
  - b) a tough one
  - c) an eternal one
  - d) an endless one
- 3) What does the role demand besides focus and passion?
  - a) hours of learning lines
  - b) stamina
  - c) the utmost dedication
  - d) the very best performance
- 4) What could the original director not do at the same time?
  - a) direct and produce
  - b) be Batman and Robin
  - c) act and direct
  - d) act in 2 movies
- 5) What does the original director want to do with the new director?
  - a) write
  - b) produce
  - c) train
  - d) collaborate
- 6) What is the name of the magazine mentioned in the article?
  - a) Hollywood
  - b) Rolling Stone
  - c) Variety
  - d) Movies
- 7) When did the previous director step down?
  - a) late last month
  - b) early last month
  - c) the 15th of last month
  - d) yesterday
- 8) How many meetings have the studio and potential director had?
  - a) none
  - b) 8
  - c) multiple
  - d) one
- 9) When does 'War for the Planet of the Apes' open?
  - a) December 14
  - b) July 14
  - c) August 14
  - d) June 14
- 10) What has already been written?
  - a) the script
  - b) the reviews
  - c) the programme
  - d) the tagline

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

## **Role A – Batman**

You think Batman is the best superhero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their superheroes. Also, tell the others which is the least heroic of these (and why): Harry Potter, Wonder Woman or Superman.

## **Role B – Harry Potter**

You think Harry Potter is the best superhero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their superheroes. Also, tell the others which is the least heroic of these (and why): Batman, Wonder Woman or Superman.

## **Role C – Wonder Woman**

You think Wonder Woman is the best superhero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their superheroes. Also, tell the others which is the least heroic of these (and why): Harry Potter, Batman or Superman.

## **Role D – Superman**

You think Superman is the best superhero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their superheroes. Also, tell the others which is the least heroic of these (and why): Harry Potter, Wonder Woman or Batman.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'bat' and 'man'.

<b>bat</b>	<b>man</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• making</li><li>• way</li><li>• tough</li><li>• demands</li><li>• clear</li><li>• me</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• down</li><li>• studio</li><li>• latest</li><li>• likely</li><li>• due</li><li>• later</li></ul>
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# BATMAN MOVIES SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Batman movies in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# BATMAN MOVIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Batman'?
3. What do you think of Batman?
4. Who is your favourite superhero?
5. Are the best superheroes from the USA?
6. What makes Batman a good superhero?
7. What exactly does a director do?
8. What was the last tough decision you made?
9. What was the last thing you did with passion?
10. Are you a good person to collaborate with? Why?

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# BATMAN MOVIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'movie'?
13. What do you know about movie production companies?
14. What kind of movie would you like to star in?
15. What is your favourite movie, and why?
16. What do you know about Planet of the Apes?
17. What do you think of going to the movie theatre?
18. Who is your favourite actor, and why?
19. Who is best – Batman, Spiderman or Superman?
20. What questions would you like to ask the director?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                 |                |                 |                    |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | (a) taking      | (b) raking     | (c) baking      | (d) making         |
| 2.  | (a) origins     | (b) original   | (c) originate   | (d) originally     |
| 3.  | (a) weigh       | (b) way        | (c) wait        | (d) weight         |
| 4.  | (a) reigns      | (b) ruins      | (c) rains       | (d) reins          |
| 5.  | (a) demands     | (b) provide    | (c) supply      | (d) necessary      |
| 6.  | (a) collaborate | (b) calibrate  | (c) corroborate | (d) celebrate      |
| 7.  | (a) as          | (b) of         | (c) on          | (d) in             |
| 8.  | (a) late        | (b) lately     | (c) later       | (d) latte          |
| 9.  | (a) multiply    | (b) multiple   | (c) multiples   | (d) multiplication |
| 10. | (a) currant     | (b) currency   | (c) currently   | (d) present        |
| 11. | (a) liking      | (b) likelihood | (c) likely      | (d) likeable       |
| 12. | (a) scripted    | (b) script     | (c) scripture   | (d) descriptive    |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. could be ndenaucno soon
2. it was a tough diicnoes
3. hand over the directing neisr
4. focus, poiasns and the very best
5. the level they uriereq
6. a director who will bcatleoolar with me

## Paragraph 2

7. The movie sydutrni magazine 'Variety'
8. uecsors revealed that
9. the studio has had imlpleut meetings
10. Mr Reeves is ulrynterc in post-production
11. iitnlliay due to begin in May
12. the scitpr has already been written



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) going to direct the movie 'The Batman' but has made way for 'Dawn of the Planet of the Apes'
- ( **1** ) There is a new Batman movie in the making and a director for it could be announced soon. Ben Affleck was originally
- ( ) to take over as 'The Batman' director and that he will likely do so later this year. Filming was initially due to
- ( ) in a director who will collaborate with me on this massive film."
- ( ) down from the role late last month. Industry sources revealed that the studio has had multiple
- ( ) begin in May, as the script has already been written. However, it is now expected to begin later in 2017.
- ( ) best performance I can give. It has become clear that I cannot do both jobs to the
- ( ) act in as well as direct the new Batman film. He said: "Performing this role demands focus, passion and the very
- ( ) The movie industry magazine 'Variety' reports that Mr Reeves is in initial talks with the production
- ( ) company Warner Bros. to accept taking over as director. It is reported that Mr Affleck stepped
- ( ) latest movie 'War for the Planet of the Apes,' which opens on July 14. Variety said it should be no problem for Reeves
- ( ) level they require. Together with the studio, I have decided to find a partner
- ( ) meetings with Reeves about becoming director. Mr Reeves is currently in post-production with his
- ( ) director Matt Reeves. Affleck said it was a tough decision to hand over the directing reins. He explained that he could not

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

1. soon announced be could it for director A .
2. hand A over tough the decision directing to reins .
3. not film the well act He new as in could Batman direct as .
4. do to they cannot jobs level I both the require .
5. massive on will film collaborate A with director me who this .
6. the talks in Reeves production with initial is company .
7. month the Affleck role stepped late down last from .
8. meetings studio Sources has revealed had that multiple the .
9. for take should problem to It no Reeves over be .
10. , it is now expected to begin later in 2017 However .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

There is a new Batman movie in the *marking / making* and a director for it could be *announced / announcement* soon. Ben Affleck was *original / originally* going to direct the movie 'The Batman' but has made way for 'Dawn of the Planet of the Apes' director Matt Reeves. Affleck said it was a tough *decide / decision* to hand over the directing reins. He explained that he could not *act / action* in as well as direct the new Batman film. He said: "Performing this role *demands / supplies* focus, passion and the very best performance I can *take / give*. It has become clear that I cannot do both jobs to the *level / leveler* they require. Together with the studio, I have decided to *find / fund* a partner in a director who will collaborate with me on this *massive / massively* film."

The movie *industrial / industry* magazine 'Variety' reports that Mr Reeves is *in / on* initial talks with the production company Warner Bros. to accept taking *under / over* as director. It is reported that Mr Affleck stepped down from the role *lately / late* last month. Industry sources *revealed / reveals* that the studio has had *multiply / multiple* meetings with Reeves about becoming director. Mr Reeves is *currently / currency* in post-production with his latest movie 'War for the Planet of the Apes,' which opens on July 14. Variety said it should be *not / no* problem for Reeves to take over as 'The Batman' director and that he will likely *do / have* so later this year. Filming was initially due to begin in May, as the *script / scripture* has already been written. However, it is now expected to begin later in 2017.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman.html>

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about the new Batman movie. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. BATMAN MOVIES:** Make a poster about Batman movies. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SUPERHEROES:** Write a magazine article about superheroes being bad for kids. Include imaginary interviews with people who agree and disagree with this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on Batman. Ask him/her three questions about him. Give him/her three of your opinions on Batman as a superhero. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T    b T    c T    d F    e F    f F    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1. announced | a. made public |
| 2. tough     | b. difficult   |
| 3. demands   | c. requires    |
| 4. passion   | d. intensity   |
| 5. massive   | e. huge        |
| 6. initial   | f. beginning   |
| 7. sources   | g. informants  |
| 8. likely    | h. probable    |
| 9. script    | i. screenplay  |
| 10. expected | j. anticipated |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Ben Affleck
2. A tough one
3. The very best performance
4. Act and direct
5. Collaborate
6. Variety
7. Late last month
8. Multiple meetings
9. July 14
10. The script

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d    2. b    3. d    4. c    5. d    6. c    7. a    8. c    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)