

MegaGoal Book 5 Unit 4: The World of TV

Vocabulary

Question type: Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

abrupt	ally	capture	animated
documentary	untimely	prestigious	idiosyncratic

1. The young actor's _____ retirement, due to a serious health problem, saddened everyone.
2. Good photographers are able to _____ significant moments on film.
3. The _____ end of the film startled us. We expected the story to continue.
4. John Nash is a prominent mathematician who won the _____ Nobel Prize after years of struggle to control his mental state.
5. This is a _____ about the life of desert lions.
6. Many films meant for children and families are _____.
7. Like most creative geniuses, he is an _____ director whose behavior can be unpredictable.
8. The superhero in an adventure story usually relies on an _____ for help and support.

Grammar

Complete each sentence with the correct paired conjunction.

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I want to be not only your teacher, _____ your friend.

10. My favorite color is _____ red or blue. I can't decide.

11. We like this film because it is _____ funny and appropriate for the whole family.

12. _____ John's TV nor Bill's TV works. They are coming here to watch the game.

Complete each sentence with the correct coordinating conjunction.

13. You can tell me what happened, _____ someone else will tell me.

14. I did write my research paper, _____ then I spilled coffee all over it.

15. It was getting very late, _____ we decided to finish watching the movie the next day.

Reading

Question type: Multiple Choice

Read the text and answer the questions. Choose the best answer to each question.

Stunt Doubles

One of the most dangerous jobs in the film industry is the job of a stunt double. A stunt double is a person who replaces an actor while filming dangerous scenes in a film. For example, while filming a James Bond story, the actor who plays James Bond will not actually participate in the car chase, or jump off a hundred-foot cliff into the ocean below. A trained professional, called a stunt double, will do this instead. Stunt doubles take the place of actors when filming scenes that involve such things as gun fights, falls from high places, scenes involving fire, explosions, and car chases and crashes.

Although being a stunt double may sound exciting, filming a scene can be both long and exhausting. Sometimes the stunt double has to spend hours in an uncomfortable situation,

such as standing in cold water or on top of an icy mountain. Dangerous stunts may also have to be performed over and over again to get the right camera angles.

Good stunt doubles are professionally trained in many different activities. They need to have basic skills in not only stage (or pretend) fighting, rock climbing, skiing, sky diving, but also scuba diving, martial arts, high-performance driving, and horseback riding. In recent years, more and more stunt scenes are being created on the computer, reducing the need for stunt doubles. But for truly realistic images, stunt doubles will always be in demand.

16. A stunt double replaces an actor while filming _____ scenes.

- A. prestigious
- B. dangerous
- C. crucial
- D. exotic

17. Good stunt doubles need to have skills in _____.

- A. no special areas
- B. one specialized area
- C. a few different areas
- D. many different areas

18. Being a stunt double can be not only difficult, _____.

- A. nor exhausting
- B. or exhausting
- C. and also exhausting
- D. but also exhausting

19. Stunt doubles _____.

- A. will always be needed for some stunts
- B. have been completely replaced by computer images
- C. should be able to do computer work as well
- D. don't usually have to drive cars

20. Many famous actors neither perform dangerous stunts, _____.

- A. but film in uncomfortable situations
- B. and film in uncomfortable situations
- C. nor film in uncomfortable situations
- D. or film in uncomfortable situations

Listening

Question type: True/False

Listen to the text and answer the questions. Write T or F at the end of each question/ statement.

21. Detective films portrait real life situations.
22. Dramas include a number of subcategories such as biographies or “biopics”.
23. Science fiction films feature futuristic technology and creatures from outer space.
24. Epics are costume dramas that are not as spectacular as biopic films.
25. War films are often combined with documentary excerpts or other film genres.
26. Westerns have complicated plots and many mysterious characters.

Form, Meaning and Function

Question type: Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer to fill in the blank in each question.

27. My favorite TV show has a new series out this month. I hope it _____ the last series.
 - A. isn't be as good as
 - B. is as good as
 - C. is better
 - D. is worse
28. The more I read about the TV film, the _____ excited I become. I don't think I want to see it after all.
 - A. least
 - B. less
 - C. more
 - D. most