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## **Level 4**

### **Director for new Batman movie coming soon**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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A new Batman movie is coming. Ben Affleck was going to direct it but changed his mind. The new director might be Matt Reeves. Affleck said it was a tough decision but he could not act in and direct 'The Batman'. He said: "Performing this role demands focus, passion and the very best performance I can give....I cannot do both jobs to the level they require....I have decided to find a partner in a director who will collaborate with me on this massive film."

The movie industry magazine 'Variety' says Mr Reeves is talking to the production company Warner Bros. They have had several meetings. Reeves is currently finishing his latest Planet of the Apes movie. Variety said it would be no problem for him to take over as 'The Batman' director. The script is finished and filming was going to start in May. However, it is now expected to begin later in the year.

Sources: <http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/heat-vision/batman-movie-director-matt-reeves-talks-ben-affleck-departs-as-helmer-972900>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. changed his                     | a. performance I can give |
| 2. it was a tough                  | b. with me                |
| 3. Performing this role            | c. mind                   |
| 4. the very best                   | d. film                   |
| 5. I cannot do both jobs to the    | e. decision               |
| 6. I have decided to find          | f. demands focus          |
| 7. a director who will collaborate | g. level they require     |
| 8. this massive                    | h. a partner              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The movie industry        | a. to start in May       |
| 2. talking to the production | b. finished              |
| 3. They have had several     | c. company               |
| 4. it would be no            | d. 'The Batman' director |
| 5. take over as              | e. later in the year     |
| 6. The script is             | f. magazine 'Variety'    |
| 7. filming was going         | g. problem for him       |
| 8. expected to begin         | h. meetings              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new Batman (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Ben Affleck was going to direct it but changed his mind. The new director (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Matt Reeves. Affleck said it was a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ but he could not act in and direct 'The Batman'. He said: "Performing this role demands focus, passion (4) \_\_\_\_\_ best performance I can give....I cannot do both jobs (5) \_\_\_\_\_ they require....I have decided to find a partner in a director who will collaborate (6) \_\_\_\_\_ massive film."

The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ magazine 'Variety' says Mr Reeves is talking to the production company Warner Bros. They (8) \_\_\_\_\_ meetings. Reeves (9) \_\_\_\_\_ finishing his latest Planet of the Apes movie. Variety said it would (10) \_\_\_\_\_ him to take over as 'The Batman' director. The script (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and filming was going to start in May. However, it is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ begin later in the year.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BATMAN MOVIES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1702/170213-the-batman-4.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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

