STUNT PERFORMERS

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Read the following passage and select the correct option true/false.

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Stunt performers (stunt men or stunt women) are professionals who are trained to do stunts during a movie. A stunt person who replaces an actor or actress in a few scenes during a movie is called a stunt double. These scenes can include extreme falls, fights, car crashes, and explosions. The performers have to be trained in different disciplines like martial arts and combat. This makes them better prepared to do their job and deal with risk factors.

The idea of stunt performers first started in the circus. Acrobats and gymnasts, called cascadeurs (from the French cascade meaning "waterfall"), would perform falls or stunts with water. Later, these acrobats started to incorporate jumps into their routines and the performances became more risky to the performers. The word stunt came into being during the 20th century with Wild West movies. This genre of film simulated fights between rival groups using guns and arrows, and stunt performers had to enact those fights. It started to be considered a professional skill requiring special training in the early 1900s. The first stunt double was used in a movie called The Great Train Robbery in 1903. Since then, stunts have been incorporated in a variety of genres of movies, including action, drama, kung fu, and even comedies.

Some actors, like Jackie Chan, also do their own stunts, but this is not very common. There have been dozens of serious injuries and even a few deaths of stunt performers throughout the years. The most recent one was in 2017 when filming the

TV series The Walking Dead. The stuntman fell from six meters high while doing a stunt, missing the safety net by a couple inches. Hopefully in the future, these types of accidents will be prevented with better training and equipment. Currently, computer-generated images are taking some of the jobs of stunt performers, but computers have not yet reached the level of authenticity that a live stunt person can.

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Is a stunt performer someone who replaces an actor or actress in movies with risk factors such as extreme falls, fights, car accidents, etc.?

TRUE FALSE

The word stunt was discovered during the 19th century with white and black movies?

TRUE FALSE

Was The movie "The Great Train Robbery" in 1903, the first movie in which a stunt double participated?

TRUE FALSE

Did the last recorded accident of a stuntman occur in 2018 while filming "The Walking Dead"?

TRUE FALSE

Currently, are computer-generated images taking an important role to replace stunt performers?

TRUE FALSE

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