



You are going to read about the movie Ali .These words appear in the text .Look up the words you don't know in your Glossary and write their meanings in the boxes.

word	Meaning
Become	
Challenge	
Decided	
director	
Get into shape	
Hope	
muscle	
Play the part	
scared	
spend	
Succeed	
The same	
train	
trainer	
Weightlifting	
wrong	

READ the **Fact Files** about Will Smith, the actor and Muhammad Ali, the boxer.

WHAT are the differences between them?

FACT FILE	
Will Smith	
Profession:	actor and musician
Height:	1.90 meters
Weight:	87 kilos
Year of Birth:	1968
His dream:	to be a great movie star



FACT FILE	
Muhammad Ali	
Profession:	boxer
Height:	1.90 meters
Weight:	95 kilos
Year of Birth:	1942
His dream:	to be the greatest boxer of all time



Which sentence do you think are true أي جملة تعتقد انها صحيحة حسب ملف المعلومات

True / false

1. Muhammad Ali had bigger muscles than Will Smith.

2. Will Smith worked very hard to get into shape for the movie Ali.

3. Will smith had to spend lots of money to be like Muhammad Ali.

4. Will Smith decided to do this but it was a big challenge.

5. Will Smith did not succeed in becoming Muhammad Ali.

D Now read the article and see if you were correct.

MAKING A MOVIE



From Fresh Prince to Muhammad Ali

In 1994 Will Smith was asked to play the part of Muhammad Ali in a movie about Ali's life. For six years he said 'no' to doing this movie. How could he become Muhammad Ali? He didn't see how he could go from Will Smith, a rich teenager in a TV series 5 (*Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*), to Muhammad Ali. In fact, when Will met Muhammad Ali, he said that he didn't want to be that guy. He was sure that he would *mess up* the Muhammad Ali story. Most people thought he might not succeed in the movie. They said, "Will Smith isn't a boxer. He will not be able to play that part." But in 2001 the movie came out and Will *proved* all those people wrong.

10 Training Hard

Will Smith had to spend millions of dollars to make himself "become" Muhammad Ali. He had to train very hard and put on 35 pounds (15.9 kilograms) of muscle. Will's director decided that Will had to have the same trainer as Muhammad Ali. That's when Angelo Dundee, Ali's trainer, came into the picture. Will had a lot of work to do to 15 become Muhammad Ali. He trained for 12 months to get into shape for the movie. He trained by boxing, jumping ropes, running and weightlifting. He had to run the way Muhammad Ali ran, in the same cities and on the same *routes*. He also had to eat the same food that Ali ate.

Meeting the Challenge

20 Will's trainer wanted Will to feel what it was like to be in a *boxing ring*. He said, "When that bell rings, and you know that there's an animal on the other side of that ring that wants nothing more than to *tear your head off*, then you will begin to understand Muhammad Ali." Will started to believe that he could do it, that he could tell the Muhammad Ali story in the movie. He was scared, but it was important for him to tell 25 this story. It was a challenge for him to become the greatest fighter in the world. He said, "My hope is that people will get from the film what I got from it."

mess up ישרוש / ישוש תמא

proved הוכיח / أثبت

routes מסלולים / مسارات

boxing ring זירת איגרוף / ساحة الملاكمة

tear your head off להוריד לך את הראש / أن يقطع رأسك

Answer the questions about the text :

1- WHY was Will Smith scared to play the part of Muhammad Ali?



