



Are there any ways to create a superhero?

Can a to-do list be helpful?

1. Read out the words; are they all familiar to you?

Try to make any sensible collocations using them

alien

space

flight

prison

abduction

awry

experiment

a NASA

rays

gamma

gone

Listen to the Intro and drag and drop the words in order to make collocations from the clip \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Listen to the snippet and tell what is said about Zora's arms and legs. \_\_\_\_\_

Read the transcript and ask questions for the 'answers' in bold.

Kelly Mcevers :

We met in a bar in Flagstaff, Arizona. I'd just moved

back from Cambodia, and I was going out for one of my first beers back in the States.

Not long into the first one, I noticed **this Amazon of a woman** with huge blond and red-streaked hair and frosty lips, wearing a short, red tank dress and **at least 50 bracelets**. She's six feet tall and showing a lot of leg. People at the bar swivel their heads







**to watch her every move.** She stands next to me to order a drink and in this throaty voice says, what are those? Pointing to my cigarettes. I tell her they're Cambodian. Her eyes light up, and she shoots out a long, tanned arm and

points **at a table in the corner.** She orders me there. Before I can say no, I'm following her to my seat.

**3. Listen to the snippet and answer the questions \_\_\_\_\_ :**

1. What does Zora do for a living?
2. How soon does Zora take Kelly on a trip?
3. Where do they go?
4. How do they get there?



Источник определений: "Oxford Languages" · Подробнее

**get-up**

/ˈɡetʌp/

noun **INFORMAL**

a style or arrangement of dress, especially an elaborate or unusual one.

"her ridiculous Cossack's get-up"

Синонимы:

outfit

clothes

costume

▼

4. Where does Zora keep her Colt .380?
5. Where does she keep her .45 Megastar?
6. How much does Zora drop on lap dances?
7. What is her get-up like?



8. What does Zora have on her left shoulder?
9. Why do you think some guys propose marriage when they hear Zora's answer about the tattoo?

**Do you think Zora tells the truth? What have you thought of her so far?**

**4. Read out the things below. What way can they be related to Zora? Can they be relevant at all?**

**fighting**

**guns**

**archery**

**superhero powers**

**throwing knives**

**lightning from the fists**

**demolitions**

**super strength**

**can fly**

**throwing stars**

**sometimes it's medieval**

**compound bows**

**sometimes it's futuristic**







Listen to the clip and tap out above all the things you can hear in it

5. Listen to the snippet carefully and do this T/F task

1. Zora didn't take the dreams seriously. \_\_

2. There were about 30 skills on the list she composed at the age of 12. \_\_

3. She gave herself a deadline to master all the skills by the time she was 24. \_\_

4. The most incredible thing about all of this is that Zora accomplished more than a half of the items on the list. \_\_

THROWING STARS



5. To keep up with the goals set by the list, she began completing entire school years during the summer term and finished high school by the time she was 15. \_\_

6. She got her BA at 19, a masters at 20. \_\_

7. Zora completed the coursework for a PhD in sociology by the time she was 21. \_\_

Listen again and number the clusters of subjects from Zora's list in order you hear them



\_\_ French, Arabic, Spanish

\_\_ mountain emergency

\_\_ martial arts, electronics, chemistry, metaphysics

\_\_ weaponry, rafting, scuba diving, herbology

\_\_ hang gliding, helicopter and airplane flying

\_\_ hunt animals and track men

\_\_ parachuting, mountain climbing, survival physics

\_\_ bodybuilding, archery

\_\_ camel, elephant riding, evasive driving and stunts

\_\_ demolitions, and explosives



6. Unjumble the questions, listen to the snippet and answer them \_\_\_\_\_ :

1) / decide/ Zora/ why/ the school/ to quit/ did/?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

2) / employment at/what place/ start to/ did Zora/ seek/?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

3) / did/ involve/ what/the 'rigorous application process'/?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

4) /do/ think/ Zora/ you/ is going/ the job/ to get/?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?



Do you think women make good spies, agents and detectives?



7. Read the transcript of the next snippet and try to find the correct place for each preposition, type them in:

in (x4)                      into                      out (x2)                      through  
down                      of  
by                      to                      with (x2)                      towards

After that, then they sent investigators out to interview me, interview my neighbors, interview ex-boyfriends, interview friends, ex-friends, former colleagues, people I work with, people I used to work with.

They threw a question \_\_\_\_ in the middle of an interview. So what would you do \_\_\_\_ this

situation? If you were driving \_\_\_\_ the road and you had one of your native agents \_\_\_\_ you, someone who's going to give you some information, and you were in a third-world country somewhere, and you were driving a car, and you accidentally ran \_\_\_\_ a dog? And people have been out playing in the street, children \_\_\_\_ the street, they see

their dog get killed. And they get upset, and they rush \_\_\_\_ the car. What do you do \_\_\_\_ that situation? You don't want to draw attention to the person who's \_\_\_\_ you.

So what I said was that I would tell my agent to get down lower in the car. And I would get \_\_\_\_ the car and draw the attention \_\_\_\_ myself and try to appease them \_\_\_\_ some way, either \_\_\_\_ giving them money, more likely, but – and that was an acceptable answer to them. That was a good answer to them.

At the time, when I was going \_\_\_\_ the process, it felt like everything was coming together. And I had not felt so much joy, probably ever.

8. Read out the questions, listen to the snippet and answer them \_\_\_\_\_





- 1) When did Zora get the letter from the CIA?
- 2) What did she learn from the letter?
- 3) How soon did she appeal?
- 4) Did she find out why she had been turned down?
- 5) What was she told to do?
- 6) How long did it take Zora to recover?
- 7) Why was Zora so devastated?



9. Read out the verbs and then try to find the correct place for each one in the transcript.

devoted

spent

give up

to fly

didn't like

couldn't turn

survive

ended up

rejected

Most of us \_\_\_\_\_ our dreams of superhero adventure when we're adolescents. Zora was only getting to it at the age of 27. Here she knew how \_\_\_\_\_ a helicopter and \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness, but for what?



She \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of time to thinking about why she might have been \_\_\_\_\_ by the CIA. Maybe it was all those months she \_\_\_\_\_ with right-wing militia groups doing her doctoral research. Maybe she shouldn't have told the CIA how she \_\_\_\_\_ in a clandestine IRA club one night while on vacation in Ireland. Maybe the CIA \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that her father, a professor at the University of Minnesota, is an outspoken Serbian nationalist. Or maybe it was simply her own fault – that she \_\_\_\_\_ herself into a superhero.

Listen and check \_\_\_\_\_

10. Listen and order the pieces \_\_\_\_\_. What are the verb forms in bold? Explain the usage.

\_\_\_ The point being that my mythology **should have guided** me better, and it felt like such a final thing.

\_\_\_ So Zora remade herself. She **had been virtually isolated** from other people since she was 15, when she **started actively pursuing** the goals on the list.



\_\_\_ I **had violated** the agreement of the list, violated the agreement that I made with myself, that I **had not become** what the archetype was, that I **had become** something lacking.

\_\_\_ Soon after, she **was schooled** in the sheer power of lipstick, a short skirt, and a supermodel runway walk to control the minds of others.

\_\_\_ Her parents **were happy** she was so busy because she had no time for boys. But now she started working for a woman private investigator.

\_\_\_ One day when she **went** to court, she **wore** her first pair of pantyhose because she **was told** it **would help** her look more feminine.

11 Listen to the clip and number the activities in order you hear them. What cases does Zora like working on?



\_\_\_ anti-terrorism

\_\_\_ child abduction retrieval custody

\_\_\_ counterintelligence

\_\_\_ kidnap protection and return

\_\_\_ occult and ritualistic crimes

\_\_\_ reverse stings

12. Listen to the snippet and answer the questions

1. Does Zora like what she does?
2. Where was Zora sent to?
3. What mission did Zora's agency send her on?
4. Who had recently traveled to Mexico?
5. What did the family of the young woman suspect?
6. Who rode Zora to the airport?
7. How much time did the women have to spare?
8. What strange thing did Zora do?
9. Did Zora budge when Kelly told her she was going to miss her flight?
10. What was Zora scared about?



Some pictures in this LWS were created by AI. Recall the details of Zora's appearance and try to create a picture of her using the links below. You may, actually, adjust the portrait according to your own idea of Zora.