

The Japanese TV show that was a hit overseas

Do you know Takeshi Kitano? Who is he?

Vocabulary

1. challenges 2. failed 3. led 4. contestants 5. jokes 6. commentary

True Story

Takeshi's Castle was a Japanese TV show where many _____ tried to reach a castle by completing difficult and silly _____. The show was _____ by Takeshi Kitano. Players often _____ in funny ways, falling into water or getting hit by large objects.

The show became popular overseas, especially in the UK. There, Craig Charles added new English _____. He made _____ about the players and gave them funny names.

People enjoyed the show because it was easy to understand and very funny. The physical comedy and simple idea made it popular around the world.

Quiz

1. Who led Takeshi's Castle?
2. How did players fail in funny ways?
3. Where did the show become popular?
4. Who added new English commentary to the show?

True or False

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| 1. Takeshi's Castle was a serious drama show. | True False |
| 2. Craig Charles gave players funny names. | True False |
| 3. Takeshi Kitano added funny English commentary. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Hey Takeshi, did you see that last fall?
B: Yeah, it was hilarious! They never saw it coming.
A: Craig's commentary makes it even funnier.
B: True! His jokes are spot on.
A: Do you think anyone will reach the castle today?
B: I doubt it, but that's part of the fun!

Discussion

1. Have you ever tried a silly challenge?
2. What is your favorite funny TV show or YouTube channel?
3. Do you like watching people do funny things?
4. Would you join a show like Takeshi's Castle?