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Dakota Johnson won't spend time on 'toxic' sets

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Dakota Johnson won't "waste time" on "toxic" movie sets anymore. The Fifty Shades of Grey actress is relishing her behind-the-scenes role as a producer because it helps her to put together a working environment that is "fun" and "fulfilling". She told Variety: "If there's not a healthy collaboration, if it's not a good match, then it's not a good match. We really don't move forward if it's not a good match. "I can't waste time on toxic sets anymore, or in situations that are not fun or fulfilling or healthy. That's one of the perks of [producing], because I get to put amazing people together and make something."

Dakota didn't share any details of any past "toxic" experiences but stressed she has no desire to work with "anybody who's mean or condescending or unkind." She added: "I don't want to face people who are not willing to collaborate, and then there are obvious things. "We all know what a toxic set is by now. We're artists, so there's room for expansive personalities, and we're working with emotions." But the Materialists star admitted that doesn't mean there isn't scope for healthy disagements. She added: "I love a healthy argument on a set, and I also believe that the most excellent idea wins. It's not a fight. It's not a race. It's a collaboration." Dakota confessed she can be "pretty vocal" when it comes to ad-

vocating for herself at work. She said: "I think now, just being in the position of being a producer and developing my own films, I can choose all the people who are in it, and that makes a huge difference." Dakota is preparing to make her directorial debut, with the "amazing" Vane-ssa Burghardt in the lead role in the untitled movie, and although she doesn't feel confident in her filmmaking abilities, she's thrilled to be working with her pal.

Dakota Johnson



Kelly Clarkson 'devastated' over postponing opening of her Vegas residency

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Kelly Clarkson was "devastated" to postpone the opening of her highly anticipated Las Vegas residency. The 43-year-old Grammy winner had been set to kick off her Studio Sessions residency at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace on 4 July, with 18 shows scheduled through to 15 November. But just hours before taking the stage on Independence Day, Kelly announced she would postpone the opening two performances. A source has now told People the decision came after intense rehearsals left her with vocal strain that threatened long-term damage. The insider said: "She was devastated and felt terrible for fans that had travelled to see her. "She didn't want to cancel any shows. She's been very excited about the Las Vegas residency and connecting with her fans."

The source added Kelly's apparent vocal issues came on suddenly following long days of preparation for the show. They said: "Even as a seasoned singer, she pushes herself too hard. "Vegas is very dry too, and it seemed this was an issue as well for the vocal health. She was pretty much forced to postpone to prevent long-term damage."



Kelly Clarkson

Lily Allen: I can't remember how many abortions I've had

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Lily Allen "can't remember" how many abortions she's had. The 40-year-old singer revealed during a conversation about birth control that she used to get pregnant "all the time". Speaking about contraception on the Miss Me? podcast, Lily shared: "I just remember I have an IUD [contraceptive coil] now. "I think I'm on my third maybe fourth and I just remember before that it was a complete disaster area. Yeah, I'd get pregnant all the time."

Lily subsequently discussed her experience of abortions, admitting she can't remember how many she's actually had. Singing to the tune of Frank Sinatra's My Way, she said: "Abortions I've had a few ... but then again ... I can't remember exactly how many." Lily added: "I can't remember. I think maybe like, I want to say four or five." Miquita Oliver, Lily's friend and podcast co-host, then opened up about her own experiences. The 41-year-old TV presenter said: "I've had about five too! Lily,

I've never I'm so happy I can say that and you can say it and no one came to shoot us down, no judgement. We've had about the same amount of abortions." Lily revealed that one of her ex-partners actually paid for her to get an abortion and, at the time, she considered it to be a "romantic" gesture.

Lily Allen



Justin Bieber declares his love for wife Hailey after the couple were hit by split rumours

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Justin Bieber and wife Hailey

Justin Bieber has declared his love for wife Hailey after the couple were hit by split rumours. The singer, 31, and his model partner, 28, tied the knot in 2018 and welcomed their son Jack Blues in August last year but the pair have recently been the subject of widespread reports over the state of their relationship amid fears for Justin's wellbeing after he was caught in incidents including a clash with paparazzi confrontations and posted social media updates hinting at drug use. Justin now appears to have dispelled persistent rumours his life and marriage is in turmoil by sharing a photo of him with Hailey cuddling up on holiday in Spain.

He captioned the image with three pink heart emojis. In the Instagram beach photo, Justin looked casual in a red bomber jacket, while Hailey opted for a sunny yellow and white pants set. Alongside the beach imagery, Justin posted a villa snapshot on his Instagram account, featuring palm trees and a private pool. Earlier in the week, Justin and Hailey were spotted at Gran Folies beach club enjoying an intimate lunch. Photos obtained by Page Six showed the singer with his hood up, sipping white wine, while Hailey savoured a Bloody Mary while wearing a bandana. Despite the affectionate scenes, rumours of marital strain have endured. In a Vogue interview in May, Hailey

addressed the gossip directly, saying: "I thought seven years in it would've (started to fade) already, and it hasn't. So I guess these bitches are going to be mad." But one source recently told Page Six: "Justin is going through a hard time and Hailey is doing her best to be there for him, but there's only so much she can do... Hailey loves Justin with all her heart but that doesn't necessarily mean she's happy." Justin has also defended himself publicly, telling paparazzi on recent occasions that he's "a dad and just wants his privacy respected". His and Hailey's romantic Spanish retreat marks their first significant public gestures of connection since the speculation began.

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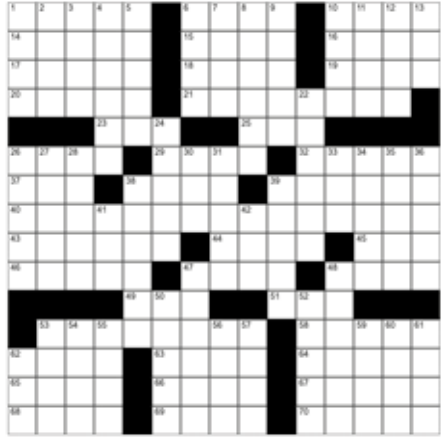
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How to play

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1- Civil rights org; 6- British nobleman; 10- Desktop image; 14- Walled Spanish city; 15- Toward the sheltered side; 16- Pond organism; 17- Fountain treats; 18- Ciao; 19- Oliver Twist's request; 20- Make ___ for oneself; 21- View of the ocean; 23- Cleaning implement; 25- Give ___ rest; 26- Ask for divine guidance; 29- Kind of history; 32- Michelangelo masterpiece; 37- Sighs of relief; 38- Afternoon affairs; 39- Capital of United Kingdom; 40- In spite of; 43- Foolish persons; 44- Centrepiece of the human face; 45- Business card no.; 46- Seasonal song; 47- Cairo cobras; 48- Exxon, formerly; 49- Football lineman; 51- Are you a man mouse?; 53- Nauseated; 58- Analyze a metallic compound; 62- Bloody conflicts; 63- Woody's kid; 64- Nobelist Bohr; 65- French friend; 66- Actress Sofer; 67- V-formation fliers; 68- Meadows; 69- Neb. neighbor; 70- Mistake;

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Yesterday's solution

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