



Cillian Murphy Breaks Down His Most Iconic Characters

Cillian Murphy is an actor from Ireland. He has starred in many well-known films such as 28 Days Later, Intermission, Red Eye, Inception and Dunkirk. Most recently, he has played the character Tommy Shelby in the very popular TV series Peaky Blinders. In the Peaky Blinders series, the character Tommy Shelby speaks with a Birmingham accent. However, the actor Cillian Murphy himself speaks with an Irish accent, specifically from the Cork area. Many fans of the show Peaky Blinders are surprised by Cillian Murphy's real accent. Throughout the video he uses advanced, descriptive vocabulary whilst maintaining his Cork accent.

Watch the video in the link below, and answer the questions with as much information as possible. Try to avoid looking at the transcript of the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkO8qXCFYWA>

Vocabulary to check before answering the questions:

bereft - sad and lonely (especially because of someone's death or departure)

to acquiesce to something - to accept something even though you don't want to accept it

benign - gentle and kind

a trench - a long, narrow ditch like those dug in World War I

Darren - Disco Pigs

1. **(00:40-00:48)** How Does Cillian Murphy feel about the character and why?
2. **(00:49-01:30)** Can you summarize what the film is about? What are the problems faced by the main character and what happens to him as a result?
3. **(01:56-02:06)** What are Cillian's feelings about the ending? What does the main character have to accept at the end and why?
4. **(02:30-02:44)** What are the exact words that he uses in these 12 seconds? (This is very challenging. The name that he mentions is "Enda Walsh").

Jim - 28 Days Later

5. **(03:15-03:51)** What does Cillian Murphy say about the director of the film Danny Boyle?
6. **(03:52-04:11)** As 28 Days Later is a post-apocalyptic film, filming posed quite a lot of challenges. What did they have to do to ensure that the streets of London were deserted in order to shoot some scenes?



7. **(04:49-05:14)** What transformation does the main character undergo and why?
8. **(05:36-05:57)** Why is it a brilliant script?

Thomas Shelby - Peaky Blinders

9. **(18:44-19:25)** What did the scriptwriter say about writing the script for Peaky Blinders?
10. **(19:26-19:41)** What other standout feature of Peaky Blinders does Cillian Murphy mention?
11. **(20:15-21:13)** To what 3 things does Cillian Murphy attribute part of the show's success, especially for a British show?
12. **(21:33-22:37)** What does Tommy have a "funny relationship" with and why? Could you summarise the details of his previous job?