



James McAvoy Breaks Down His Most Iconic Characters

James McAvoy is an actor from Scotland. He has starred in many well-known films such as The Last King of Scotland, Atonement, Wanted, X Men, Deadpool, Dark Phoenix and Filth. He also won critical acclaim for the lead role in Split, in which he played a character with 23 different personalities. James McAvoy is from Glasgow, which boasts the largest economy in all of Scotland. The “Glaswegian” accent is very challenging for English learners to understand, and James McAvoy speaks with this accent throughout the video, whilst at the same time using advanced, descriptive vocabulary.

Watch the video in the link below, and answer the questions with as much information as possible. Some of the scenes shown contain strong language! Try to avoid looking at the subtitles of the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKbGj3CpP64>

Vocabulary to check before answering the questions:

an “average Joe” - an ordinary person

to pass out - to faint / to collapse

CGI - “Computer Generated Imagery” special computer generated images in films

Comic Con - An international comic book convention

Wesley - Wanted

1. (00:39-00:50) How does James McAvoy describe Wesley and his situation?

BONUS QUESTION: (00:56-01:01) What does he say about Morgan Freeman? (Very challenging)

2. (01:01-01:18) What “move” did James McAvoy help to develop, and what did he compare it to? What did he find out about his skills?
3. (01:24-01:30) What accident did he nearly have in the scene which is shown here, and why would this have been in vain?

Kevin Wendell Crumb - Split (The character Kevin Wendell Crumb has a dissociative personality disorder, which in his case means that he lives with 23 different personalities, some of which are nice and others not so nice).

4. (10:47-11:23) When did James McAvoy meet the director of the film M. Night Shyamalan, and what happened?
5. (11:23-11:56) What did James McAvoy think of the script for Split when he first received it, and what was he praying for?



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6. **(11:56-12:19)** What is James always looking for in a character?
 7. **(13:11-13:26)** What are the exact words that James says in these 15 seconds about the character Hedwig (pronounced 'Hedveg')?
 8. **(13:55-14:12)** What was one of his favourite things that he had to do in the film, and how does he describe one of the "dance moves"?