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# Blake Lively and Justin Baldoni: Hollywood's Captivating Legal Drama

## Description

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Natalie Kitroeff

From "The New York Times," I'm Natalie Kitroeff, and this is "The Daily."

[THEME MUSIC]

Archived Recording 1

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Natalie Kitroeff

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Archived Recording 2

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Natalie Kitroeff

This conflict has exposed what Lively describes as a smear campaign, raising questions about the protective measures celebrities can utilize to safeguard their reputations.

Natalie Kitroeff

Today, my colleague Megan Twohey delves into the legal complaint that ignited this controversy.

Megan Twohey

It's messy; let's get into it.

[THEME MUSIC]

This revision maintains complexity suitable for upper-intermediate readers while ensuring clarity and conciseness within the specified word limit.



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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Dispute** /dɪˈspju:t/ (noun): A disagreement or argument.
2. **Accusing** /əˈkju:zɪŋ/ (verb): Claiming that someone has done something wrong or illegal.
3. **Harassment** /həˈræs.mənt/ (noun): Aggressive pressure or intimidation.
4. **Complexities** /kəmˈpleks.ɪ.tɪz/ (noun): The state or quality of being intricate or complicated.
5. **Controversy** /ˈkɒn.trə.vɜ:si/ (noun): Disagreement typically when prolonged public and heated.
6. **Protective** /prəˈtekt.tɪv/ (adjective): Intended to protect someone or something.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Who is accused of sexual harassment in the legal dispute mentioned?

Option: Blake Lively  
Option: Natalie Kitroeff  
Option: Megan Twohey  
Option: Justin Baldoni

2. What is the title of the film mentioned in the legal dispute?

Option: The Daily  
Option: It Ends With Us  
Option: The New York Times  
Option: Messy Legal Tussle

3. Who is delving into the legal complaint that ignited this controversy?

Option: Natalie Kitroeff  
Option: Megan Twohey  
Option: Blake Lively  
Option: Justin Baldoni

4. What is being described as a smear campaign in the conflict?

Option: Protective measures  
Option: Complexities in production  
Option: Legal tussle



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Option: Reputation safeguarding

5. Who recommends consulting the episode audio prior to quoting from the transcript?

- Option: Blake Lively
- Option: Justin Baldoni
- Option: Natalie Kitroeff
- Option: The transcript

6. Which co-stars are involved in the legal dispute?

- Option: Natalie Kitroeff and Megan Twohey
- Option: Blake Lively and Justin Baldoni
- Option: The New York Times and "The Daily"
- Option: No co-stars are mentioned

### True-False

- 7. The legal dispute involves former co-stars Blake Lively and Justin Baldoni.
- 8. Natalie Kitroeff is the interim chairman of Tata Group from 2014 to 2017.
- 9. Blake Lively has filed a federal lawsuit against her co-star for sexual harassment.
- 10. The conflict has exposed a smear campaign according to Blake Lively.
- 11. Megan Twohey is delving into the legal complaint that sparked the controversy.
- 12. The episode audio should be consulted before quoting from the transcript.

### Gap-Fill

- 13. Blake Lively has filed a federal lawsuit against her "It Ends With Us" co-star, \_\_\_\_\_  
Baldoni, accusing him of sexual harassment.
- 14. Recently, the legal tussle has revealed much about the complexities surrounding their latest film's  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 15. This conflict has exposed what Lively describes as a smear campaign, raising questions about the



protective measures celebrities can utilize to safeguard their \_\_\_\_\_.

16. Today, my colleague \_\_\_\_\_ delves into the legal complaint that ignited this controversy.

17. It's messy; let's get into \_\_\_\_\_.

18. We have been closely following a legal dispute involving former co-stars Blake Lively and Justin \_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Justin Baldoni 2. It Ends With Us 3. Megan Twohey 4. Protective measures 5. The transcript 6. Blake Lively and Justin Baldoni

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. True 11. True 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Justin 14. production 15. reputations 16. Megan Twohey 17. it 18. Baldoni

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which term refers to the action of damaging the good reputation of someone?

Option: Accusing

Option: Defamation

Option: Collaboration

Option: Exaggerated

2. What is the term for a literary work that is complete in itself but continues the narrative of a previous work?

Option: Punitive

Option: Implication

Option: Sequel

Option: Negotiations

3. Which term describes something that is praised and recognized widely?

Option: Complexities

Option: Acclaimed



Option: Modification

Option: Debuted

4. What term refers to the state of being responsible for something especially by law?

Option: Liability

Option: Renowned

Option: Collapse

Option: Engagement

5. Which term describes something that is harmful unpleasant or toxic?

Option: Performance

Option: Toxic

Option: Engagement

Option: Dispute

6. What is the term for false or inaccurate information that is spread regardless of intent to deceive?

Option: Collaboration

Option: Misinformation

Option: Protective

Option: Retaliatory

7. Which term refers to discussions aimed at reaching an agreement?

Option: Allegation

Option: Negotiations

Option: Creative

Option: Substantiate

8. Which term describes the act of charging someone with an offense or crime?

Option: Accusing

Option: Harassment

Option: Complexities

Option: Controversy

9. What term refers to inflicting or intended as punishment?

Option: Protections

Option: Performance

Option: Punitive

Option: Debuted

10. Which term describes aggressive pressure or intimidation?

Option: Harassment

Option: Implication

Option: Sequel



Option: Modification

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. An \_\_\_\_\_ of fraud was made against the company.
12. The software requires regular updates and \_\_\_\_\_.
13. She carried pepper spray as a \_\_\_\_\_ measure.
14. Employee \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for a positive work environment.
15. The building's foundation was weak leading to its \_\_\_\_\_.
16. The news report \_\_\_\_\_ the extent of the damage caused by the storm.
17. The new policy sparked a heated \_\_\_\_\_ among the staff.
18. The project faced unexpected \_\_\_\_\_ that delayed its completion.
19. The lawyer presented evidence to \_\_\_\_\_ his client's innocence.
20. The artist's \_\_\_\_\_ approach to painting impressed critics.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The chef is for his innovative recipes and cooking techniques.
22. The new film at the film festival to great applause.
23. The project's success was a result of effective teamwork and among team members.
24. The company faced a lawsuit for alleged actions against a former employee.
25. The actor's in the play received rave reviews from critics.
26. The contract negotiations were stalled due to a over pricing.
27. The politician's statement had a negative on public opinion.
28. The author announced a new to her bestselling novel.



29. The research project encountered unexpected that required additional analysis.

30. Wearing a helmet is a basic measure when riding a bicycle.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Defamation 2. Sequel 3. Acclaimed 4. Liability 5. Toxic 6. Misinformation 7. Negotiations  
8. Accusing 9. Punitive 10. Harassment

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Allegation 12. Modification 13. Protective 14. Engagement 15. Collapse 16. Exaggerated  
17. Controversy 18. Complexities 19. Substantiate 20. Creative

**Matching sentence:** 1. Renowned 2. Debuted 3. Collaboration 4. Retaliatory 5. Performance 6. Dispute  
7. Implication 8. Sequel 9. Complexities 10. Protective

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