

Preparing for Challenges

The video "[Importance of Women Behind the Camera](#)" tells you that women and girls are underrepresented in the film industry. This means that there are few women and girls working to write, produce, and direct movies and TV shows. The role models explain that there are many obstacles to women and girls working in this industry, but that you must persevere or never give up.

Try This!

The opinions of society and other people can be huge obstacles. Brainstorm possible responses to the comments below. Sometimes, simply being prepared for a challenging comment or opinion can help you respond appropriately.

What Would You Say?

CHALLENGE	YOUR RESPONSE
<p>A classmate says, "Girls aren't as good at storytelling as boys. That's why boys make better writers and directors."</p>	
<p>A friend tells you that no female cinematographers (the person in charge of the camera and lighting teams on film sets) have ever won an Oscar, so it's probably better to pick another job.</p>	
<p>A family member says, "You can't be a film director. Almost all film directors are men."</p>	

One role model said, "When someone says that you can't do something, it should only feed the fire or passion in your heart." Why is this advice so important?

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