

Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the words in the boxes to make phrases with **take**.

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1. Ten singers will **take** _____ in Sunday's final of the talent contest.
2. The TV awards ceremony will **take** _____ at a theatre in London.
3. Now, I don't want you to **take this** the wrong _____, but I'd rather eat lunch alone.
4. Do you think you **have** _____ it **takes** to become an actor?
5. The actress is **taking** some _____ off before filming her next TV show.
6. Since Richard Timmons **took** _____ of this TV channel, the programmes have improved greatly.

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7. A: Do you want the TV guide back? I can look at it later.
B: No, **take** your _____. I know what I want to watch.
8. There are so many commercials between programmes! I **can't take** it _____. Give me the remote control so that I can turn the TV off.
9. Kids nowadays haven't known a world without the Internet and they usually **take it** _____ granted.
10. Let's **take** it _____ tonight. We'll stay here, order a pizza and relax.
11. I can't **take** this documentary _____ because the presenter used to be a comedian.
12. This soap opera might be a bit boring but it helps me **take** my _____ off things.

Listen

A. Discuss.

- Where do you usually learn about what's on TV?
- In your opinion, where do you find the most reliable reviews?

B. You will hear radio presenters talking about TV programmes. The radio programme is in three parts. Listen and answer the questions for each part. Choose a, b or c.

1. Why was it a surprise to see Ken Andrews in last night's episode of *Albion Street*?
 - a. Everyone thought he was dead.
 - b. It seemed like he'd moved away.
 - c. He hadn't been on the programme for a long time.
2. What will Veronica Daniels do in the future?
 - a. star in a film
 - b. present her own programme
 - c. star in a different soap opera

3. What kind of performer was the winner of last year's *The Talent Show*?
 - a. a dancer
 - b. a singer
 - c. an acrobat
4. How can you vote for tonight's winner?
 - a. by phone
 - b. by SMS
 - c. both of the above

5. What is the topic of *Natural World* this week?
 - a. Insects
 - b. life in the jungle
 - c. marine life
6. What is not true about *Family Matters*?
 - a. A new series is being made.
 - b. It's a sitcom that's not so funny.
 - c. The last episode of this series is on tonight.

Speak

Discuss in groups. Answer the questions below. Use the words / phrases given.

- What do you usually watch on TV?
- What are some popular TV programmes in your country?
- What's your favourite TV channel? Why?
- Can you make any suggestions about how to improve TV?
- What do you think of commercials? Are they useful? Do they influence you?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of watching TV?
- What would your life be like without TV?
- What do you think of reality TV?

a variety of programmes and channels
informative and educational programmes
fewer commercials
show live events
show something at (in)appropriate times
become telly addicts
satellite TV
low quality programmes
opportunity for viewers to take a break, unwind
become less active

TV programmes

sitcom
cartoon
documentary
the news
weather forecast
soap opera
chat show
game show
talent show
home decoration
programme
cooking programme
sporting event
film
music video show



When discussing a topic with someone, take turns to speak. Try not to interrupt the other speaker frequently. If you need to interrupt, do it politely. (Hold on. Are you saying that...? / Could I say something before you continue? / Sorry to interrupt, but...)

Listen

A. Listen to a commercial for an upcoming TV programme. What kind of programme is it?

- a talent show
- a documentary
- a game show

B. Listen again and complete the gaps below.

UNI-BATTLE CHANNEL 6

contestants: university students from _____

teams of _____ students

prizes: _____ and city break

viewing days: _____, Wednesdays and Fridays

live show at: _____

viewer competition via: _____ and email

chance to win: _____

