

Grammar

A. Complete the paragraphs with who, that, which, or -. Sometimes there is more than one correct answer.

Children can watch all sorts of films nowadays, _____ worries some people. Parents, often know less about computers than their children, can find it difficult to monitor what their kids are watching. Another concern is _____ young people spend too much time watching TV and other media. Many people use computers all the time now, _____ has changed the way they work and think. Today's students, _____ spend a lot of time working on their laptops, can take mental breaks without even leaving their desk. Some people video and upload anything they think is funny or interesting, _____ means there is a lot to watch online. With all these distractions so easily available, people are learning _____ they need to manage their time well, _____ is a useful skill in all walks of life.

B. Merge the two sentences to make a defining or non-defining clause.

1. My bike is 10 years old. It's blue.

2. The restaurant has great pizza. I had my birthday party there.

3. Bradley scored the winning goal for our team. His father is a famous soccer player.

4. I was talking to a woman. The woman was sitting on the beach.

C. Rewrite the sentences to make a *what* clause

1. Children would have watched 200,000 violent acts. (That's amazing)

2. Many parents don't know the content of the games their kids play. (That concerns me)

3. When you upload a video, you get free exposure. (That's great about internet)

4. People tend to believe that violence in media is outrageous, but some evidence suggest is not related to the rise of aggressiveness (That's interesting)

Vocabulary

D. Complete the sentences with these words or expressions. There is one word or expression that you do not need to use

turn their attention to	identify with	a complex issue	are familiar with
	extreme	critics of	

1. It is often easier to _____ celebrities when they are having problems in their lives.
2. Psychologists should _____ the way celebrity culture affects young children.
3. Although people often admire celebrities, there are also many _____ their extravagant lifestyles.
4. Reporters sometimes put celebrities under _____ pressure.
5. How much information we should have about celebrities' private lives is _____.

E. Select the correct preposition to complete the article.

Teachers have expressed concern 1. _____ the effects 2. _____ TV 3. _____ some of their students. They believe there is a link 4. _____ the fact that some students fall asleep in class and the increase 5. _____ the amount of TV they watch. Being so tired obviously has an influence 6. _____ their ability to learn, and an impact 7. _____ their behavior. Staying up late watching TV or playing video games is one cause 8. _____ teenagers' tiredness. This is not just because they spend less time in bed. The results 9. _____ several studies suggest another reason 10. _____ students' lack of sleep: after several hours watching a screen, it can take a long time for the mind to relax and "switch off". This means that even if they go to bed at a reasonable time, they are unable to fall asleep immediately.

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| 1. a. on | b. about | c. in |
| 2. a. of | b. with | c. about |
| 3. a. for | b. with | c. on |
| 4. a. with | b. between | c. of |
| 5. a. in | b. for | c. on |
| 6. a. between | b. in | c. on |
| 7. a. about | b. for | c. in |
| 8. a. on | b. of | c. about |
| 9. a. in | b. of | c. with |
| 10. a. for | b. about | c. with |

Conversation strategy

F. Choose the correct words to complete the conversation

Jo: You know _____ ? People who talk about TV shows all the time.

Dan: I know, it's annoying. I don't even have a TV at home, _____.

Jo: But you subscribe to websites and watch stuff on your computer, right?

Dan: Yeah, I watch a lot of movies online, _____ is great.

Jo: So do you never watch any regular TV programs, like reality or talent shows?

Dan: Not really. All those shows are just so boring. And you know what _____ ?
Everybody talks about them all the time – it's terrible!

Jo: So do you like any TV shows?

Dan: Well I like some documentaries, and sci-fi movies. But I only talk about them with other sci-fi fans!

Jo: _____ I never watch sci-fi movies!

Listening

G. Listen to four different people talking about celebrities and celebrity culture. What does each person say?

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| Speaker 1 | a. Celebrities are often boring people |
| Speaker 2 | b. Celebrity culture is harmful to children |
| Speaker 3 | c. Celebrities can set a good example |
| Speaker 4 | d. Gossiping about celebrities is normal |
| | e. Celebrities are almost family |

Writing

H. Should the Internet ban websites with high violent or sexual free content? If so, how? Write a paragraph with your opinion. Use words to enlist your reasons of your opinion

Reading

I. Read the article.

Andy Warhol said that one day, everybody would be famous for 15 minutes. Thanks to the Internet, this is now possible. There are now an amazing number of Internet celebrities, who have often become famous by posting videos of themselves on the net. Even people who have no talent at all have become well known all around the world in a remarkably short time.

Of course, there are huge number of videos uploaded every day, and not all of those will go viral and get millions of hits. It is hard to say which ones will succeed. What is certainly true is that some clips become popular for the wrong reasons – or at least not those expected by the people who make them. Some of the videos that are most viewed on the net feature singers or dancers who are considered funny because they are so bad. This is often not what the performers themselves believe.

On the other hand, real talent is also discovered in this way. People who would not otherwise have access to an audience can now be viewed by millions – and all without leaving the comfort of their own homes! All you need is a computer and an Internet connection, and you too may be the next Internet celebrity! But remember that your fame may only last 15 minutes.

Now write *T* for true or *F* for false in the following statements

1. Everybody is famous for 15 minutes _____
2. Many celebrities are famous thanks to the Internet _____
3. Bad performers upload their videos knowing they have no talent _____
4. The writer thinks it's hard to become famous _____
5. People are taking advantage of the Internet to have a free audience _____