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Before you read…

1. Match the type of TV show with the correct image.

SPORTS	REALITY SHOW	CARTOON

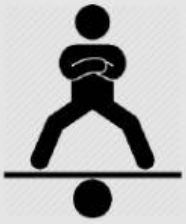
		

2. Vocabulary: Match the words in the box with the pictures.

harmful	steady	disability	cast member	disregard











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While you read…

1. **Go to your *Student Book*. Open it on page 38. Read the article and answer the question.**

   What does the writer think?

   a. Reality TV can make people more tolerant.

   b. Participants on reality TV shows teach us nothing.

   c. The popularity of reality TV is decreasing.

2. **Read the article again. Read the following statements and answer, which one is not true?**

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a. TV stations around the world have broadcast a steady stream of reality shows among the years.		
b. New formats of reality shows are constantly being developed due to their ongoing popularity.		
c. Some reality shows gave the viewers the wrong message and they were still famous.		
d. Reality TV can raise awareness of controversial topics, but they don't.		
e. Reality shows are often criticized for not having any genuinely entertaining or educational content.		

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3. Read the article one more time. Choose the correct answers.

a. Since 1999…

- *Big Brother* has been the most popular show on TV.
- celebrities' lifestyles have become more amazing.
- there have been many reality shows on TV.
- some celebrities have lived on a desert island.
- people's behavior on reality shows has gott en worse.

b. TV viewers…

- aren't very interested in reality shows.
- often discuss reality shows online.
- find fans of reality shows intriguing.
- prefer to watch reality shows online.
- often complain about reality shows.

c. In the U.S…

- TV stations rarely introduce new reality shows.
- everyone wants to wear designer clothes.
- most women want to have cosmetic surgery.
- reality shows don't always give the right message.
- reality shows feature invented characters.

d. Reality TV…

- can draw attention to controversial issues.
- should show more people from different ethnic backgrounds.
- avoids bringing up subjects that are difficult to talk about.
- discourages teenagers from taking responsibility.
- has increased the number of teenage pregnancies.

e. According to the graph, US TV viewing figures show that…

- drama shows were the most popular show in 2005-6.
- sitcoms have always been popular.
- more people watch sports than drama.
- sport shows were the least popular in 2008-9.
- reality shows in 2007-8 were especially popular.

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