Squid Game

1. **Read the text and put the words from the box**

prize directed penalties attention viewers date survival games most-watched

Squid Game is a South Korean _____ drama television series streaming on Netflix. Written and directed by Hwang Dong-hyuk, it stars Lee Jung-jae, Park Hae-soo, Wi Ha-joon, Jung Ho-yeon, O Yeong-su, Heo Sung-tae, Anupam Tripathi, and Kim Joo-ryoung.

The series revolves around a contest in which 456 players, all drawn from different walks of life but each deeply in debt, play a series of children's games with deadly _____ if they lose for the chance to win a ₩45.6 billion prize. Hwang had conceived of the idea based on his own economic struggles early in life as well as the class disparity in South Korea. Though he had initially written it in 2009, he was unable to find a production company to fund the idea until Netflix took an interest around 2019 as part of their drive to expand their foreign programming offerings. Hwang wrote and directed all nine episodes himself.

Squid Game received critical acclaim and attracted international attention. Within a week of its release, it became one of Netflix's _____programs in several regional markets; at launch, it attracted more than 111 million _____, surpassing Bridgerton as the network's most-watched series to ____.

2. **Discuss the questions with your partner:**

- How do you think, what is Seong Gi-Hun's (main character) plan after the final scene of squid game?
- Who are the "VIPs" watching games?
- Are there other games all over the world?
- How do you think, may these games be real?
- Would you like to participate in those games?

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