

VOCABULARY

Television

Exercise 1

Match the programme names to the pictures.

talk show

the news

cooking show

game show



Exercise 2

Match the programme types (1-7) to the descriptions (A-G).

Types of TV programme

- 1 wildlife documentary
- 2 historical documentary
- 3 reality show
- 4 talent show
- 5 cartoon
- 6 sitcom
- 7 soap opera

Description

- a a series, usually daily, that follows the lives of a group of people
- b a weekly programme showing a group of characters in different amusing or comic situations
- c a programme where amateur competitors perform to judges
- d film that shows events that really happened in the past
- e programme that follows the lives of real people in situations happening at the present time
- f films about animals and plants
- g film, often for children, that uses drawing instead of real actors

Exercise 3

Use one adjective for each gap from those below.

addictive annoying boring depressing
educational funny popular

- 1 Sitcoms are usually _____ , but some of them just don't make me laugh.
- 2 Cooking shows are _____ right now, but I hardly ever watch them.
- 3 Documentaries are _____. They often show you new things.
- 4 Wildlife programs are occasionally _____. They look pretty, but not much happens.
- 5 Joe thinks that reality TV shows are _____. The contestants are always loud and rude.
- 6 News programs are sometimes _____. Lots of bad things are happening right now.
- 7 Soap operas can be very _____. Some people never stop watching them.

Exercise 4

Match the words to the pictures.

- a a cable box
- b an antenna
- c a remote control
- d a satellite dish
- e a TV
- f a speaker



Exercise 5

Match the people to what they do.

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| 1 a contestant | a asks questions on TV |
| 2 a host | b is invited to appear in a TV show |
| 3 the cast | c play the roles in a TV series |
| 4 a newsreader | d presents a TV show |
| 5 an interviewer | e reads the news on TV |
| 6 a guest | f takes part in a TV show contest or competition |

Now name some TV programmes in which you may find the people mentioned in this exercise.

Exercise 6

Match the two halves of the sentences below to form descriptions about a TV show.

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| 1 The show is broadcast | a interesting / original / very informative / really funny / very relaxing / exciting / full of suspense / very dull |
| 2 The show is about | b once a week / every day / twice a month |
| 3 The show features | c relax / fall asleep / get up in the morning / improve my general knowledge |
| 4 I find it | d some celebrities / special guests / ordinary people |
| 5 The show helps me | e travel / current affairs / life in New York City |

Now describe a TV show using the vocabulary above. You should say: what type of programme it is, what it is about, what you think about it.

Exercise 7

Complete the text by choosing the best answer for each space (1-10).



My family is a popular weekly television comedy **(0)** a based on a supposedly **(1)**___ British family. Life is certainly never **(2)**___ in their house. The father, Ben, is a dentist who spends most of his time **(3)**___ about his kids, while Susan, his wife, is **(4)**___ at cooking and wants to control everyone's lives. Lazy Nick, the oldest son, tries out increasingly **(5)**___ jobs, daughter Janey is crazy about fashion and is always **(6)**___ her parents for money. Michael is the clever teenager, looking for a girlfriend and **(7)**___ to keep out of his father's way. This show has strong **(8)**___ placed in embarrassing and amusing, but still believable, situations - the perfect ingredients for a long running **(9)**___ .

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| 0 | a series | b channel | c set |
| 1 | a actual | b current | c typical |
| 2 | a usual | b dull | c common |
| 3 | a annoying | b complaining | c disappointing |
| 4 | a horrible | b difficult | c terrible |
| 5 | a unsuitable | b unnecessary | c untidy |
| 6 | a demanding | b asking | c questioning |
| 7 | a patient | b jealous | c anxious |
| 8 | a characters | b heroes | c roles |
| 9 | a soap | b sitcom | c drama |