

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

CHEDDARVISION



Something strange and slightly (1) _____ [TROUBLE] begins to happen when you spend more than about two minutes watching Cheddarvision, the website set up by the cheesemaker Tom Calver, which broadcasts live (2) _____ [FOOT] of cheddar cheese as it (3) _____ [PERCEPTIBLE] matures. First, (4) _____ [surprise], you feel bored and (5) _____ [IRRITATE]. Then, after a while, and without really meaning to, you slip into a (6) _____ [PEACE], (7) _____ [MEDITATE], quasi-hypnotic state. You start to breathe more (8) _____ [DEEP]. Peripheral (9) _____ [DISTRACT] – traffic noise, (10) _____ [RING] telephones – fall away. There is you, and there is the cheese. Nothing more. If something should (11) _____ [ACTUAL] happen to the cheese while you are in this state of mind – every week the cheese is turned over; on one occasion, the label fell off and had to be replaced – it has an impact utterly (12) _____ [PROPORTION] to the event. It is (13) _____ [EXPLAIN] hilarious; (14) _____ [ASTONISH]; gasp-inducing. Then the drama subsides, and once again, it is just you and the cheese – and depending on the time of the day, perhaps ten thousand of other people, scattered across the planet, for whom no other concern is more (15) _____ [PRESS] in their lives, right at this very moment, than to stare at cheddar.

It is (16) _____ [GENERAL] agreed that we are more (17) _____ [BORE] today than ever before. Some surveys put the (18) _____ [PERCENT] of people who yearn for more (19) _____ [NOVEL] in their lives at around seventy percent and rising. So it is something of a paradox that in the age of the Internet, when the average person has access to (20) _____ [VAST] more genuinely (21) _____ [FASCINATE] information than at any point in history, the sites that have achieved cult status are (22) _____ [CONSIST] the boring ones.

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