

1 Read the text below and choose an alternative title for it.

(A) YOU LIVE AND LEARN!

(B) SOMEONE'S WATCHING YOU!

(C) SHARING FAMILY CHORES



Do the Dishes and Win!

Big Brother is a reality TV show that brings a number of people together in a house for a period of time. Cameras and microphones record their actions and they appear on TV. Each week viewers
5 vote for their favourite resident, and the least favourite housemate has to leave the house. This happens until there is only one housemate left, who goes home with a cash prize. Big Brother began in the Netherlands in 1999 and since then the idea
10 has spread like wildfire throughout the world. There have been Big Brother shows in over 70 countries worldwide.

In its early years, Big Brother was a huge hit. Originally, people saw it as a fascinating social
15 experiment. Viewers could peep into the lives of ordinary people twenty-four hours a day. It was very interesting for millions of young and old viewers around the world to see how different types of people live together.

One thing that 20 hasn't changed in the Big Brother household is that some residents get on like a house on fire, while others drive each other crazy. A major source of conflict for the contestants, but also entertainment for the viewers, is housework. If all housemates share of household chores housemates usually live in harmony. Yet a messy housemate who doesn't help around the house isn't very welcome in the Big Brother "family". In fact, the winner is usually the person who does their share of chores and doesn't complain about anybody else not doing their share.

Although over the years Big Brother has become less popular, there is still a huge audience waiting to see how far their favourite housemate will go to win the big prize in the end. Who knows? Maybe some of us have a bit of ourselves in the show!

2 **RNE** Read the text again and mark the statements below as *T* (True), *F* (False) or *Ns* (Not stated).

- 1 People watching from home choose a new winner every week.
- 2 Big Brother started in the Netherlands.
- 3 In recent years older people have started to take part in Big Brother.
- 4 Most housemates share their food in the Big Brother house.
- 5 Some of the housemates in the Big Brother house have a very good relationship.
- 6 The Big Brother show has a smaller audience than what it had in the past.