

1 TYPES OF PROGRAMME

a Match the photos to the types of programmes.

- advert /'ædvɜːt/
- cartoon /kɑː'tuːn/ (or animation /ˌæni'meɪʃn/)
- chat show /tʃæt ʃəʊ/
- cooking programme /'kʊkəri prəʊgræm/
- current affairs programme /kərənt ə'feəz prəʊgræm/
- documentary /dɒkju'mentri/
- (crime) drama /'drɑːmə/
- live sport /laɪv 'spɔːt/
- period drama /'periəd drɑːmə/
- quiz show /kwɪz ʃəʊ/
- 1 reality show /ri'æləti ʃəʊ/
- the news /ðə 'njuːz/
- the weather forecast /'weðə fɔːkɑːst/



b 5.2 Listen and check.

series, soaps, and sitcoms

A **series** /'sɪəriːz/ is a set of TV programmes about the same subject or with the same characters. It is divided into **episodes**, which usually last between 30 minutes and an hour. When a series first comes out, episodes are usually broadcast once a week. A popular series may return for a second (third, etc.) **season**. **Streaming services** like Netflix now release complete seasons at a time. Sometimes a season is referred to as a **box set**.

A **soap** /səʊp/ (short for *soap opera*) is a story about the lives and problems of a group of people. It is broadcast several times a week, or even every day.

A **sitcom** /'sɪtkɒm/ (short for *situation comedy*) is a regular TV programme that shows the same characters in different amusing situations.

ACTIVATION What are the most popular series, soaps, quiz shows, and reality TV shows in your country at the moment?

2 PHRASAL VERBS

a Complete the definitions with a phrasal verb from the list.

be on /biː ɒn/ turn down /tɜːn daʊn/ turn off /tɜːn ɒf/
turn on /tɜːn ɒn/ turn over /tɜːn 'əʊvə/ turn up /tɜːn ʌp/

- 1 _____ the TV = press a button, e.g. on a remote control, to start it working (also *switch on*)
- 2 _____ the TV = press a button to stop it working (also *switch off*)
- 3 _____ the TV = make the volume louder
- 4 _____ the TV = make the volume quieter
- 5 the programme _____ now = it is being shown on TV at this moment
- 6 _____ to another channel = press a button to watch a different channel (also *change channel*)

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ACTIVATION Answer the questions with a partner.

Do you ever...?

- choose to stay at home in the evening because there's a good programme on
- turn over to another channel in the middle of a programme
- turn the volume off while you're watching a programme
- turn off a programme as soon as it starts

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