

63 TV and online viewing

A TV (Television) programmes

Channel 5	
7.00–7.30	early evening news with newsreader Gemma Matheson
7.30–8.00	<i>The Eldersons</i> – soap opera
8.00–9.00	documentary : <i>Where does all the rubbish go?</i>
9.00–10.00	<i>Having a Laugh</i> : game show with host Arlo Walsh
10.00–10.40	episode 1 of the new Icelandic drama series <i>The Blackwood Lake</i>
10.40–11.30	talk show with host Tanya Kaye and guests
11.30–1.20	film: <i>The Lost Continent</i>

GLOSSARY

channel	a TV station
newsreader	a person who reads the news on TV, radio, etc.
soap opera	a story about the lives of a group of people that is on TV or radio every day or several times a week: ALSO soap : I don't watch soaps .
documentary	a film or TV programme that gives facts about sth
game show	a TV programme in which people play games or answer questions to win prizes
host	a person who introduces a TV or radio programme, and talks to guests
episode	one part of a TV or radio story that is shown or told in different parts
drama series	a number of programmes on TV or radio which have the same main characters and each tell a complete story
talk show	a TV programme where famous people are invited to talk about themselves syn chat show
guest	a person who is invited to a special event, e.g. a talk show, a party

1 Find the end of each word or compound noun.

drama / channel talk show documentary host guest soap opera series episode chat show

2 Match 1–5 with a–f.

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| ▶ special | c | a opera |
| 1 drama | | b Four |
| 2 chat | | c guest ✓ |
| 3 news | | d series |
| 4 soap | | e reader |
| 5 Channel | | f show |

3 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ Most soap operas are on during the early evening.
- They're showing the first of a new drama series tonight.
 - I don't like that show where young women try to find boyfriends.
 - The thing is, shows are only interesting if the are interesting.
 - Which is that new game show on? ~ ITV, I think.
 - I don't like, but my grandmother watches them every evening – never misses one.
 - There have been more female chat show in the last fifteen years, which is good.
 - I loved that series about the Swedish detective called Saga.
 - I saw a wonderful about the strong social relationships that form between elephants.

4 ABOUT YOU What do you think of these programmes? Do you often watch them? Write your answers, or talk to another student.

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B How do you watch TV?

According to a national report, the **youth** market, and particularly young people **aged** 16-24 years old, are watching **far less** TV on traditional **sets** than they were in 2010. Those still watching on TV sets are **typically** over 65. This is because there has been a **shift** to digital **viewing** (e.g. on YouTube), together with the rise of online services such as Netflix and Amazon.

The report **indicates** a growing difference in the **lifestyle** habits of younger and older **viewers**. **On top of** that, younger viewers are also more **critical** of the standard of traditional TV. They complained about the number of **repeats** and the lack of variety.

SPOTLIGHT TV

TV (= television) can be countable or uncountable.

- I watch a lot of **TV**. The film is on **TV** tonight.
- There's a **TV set** in every room.

GLOSSARY

youth	the part of your life when you are young: <i>I travelled a lot in my youth.</i>
aged	at the age mentioned: <i>two children, aged 5 and 7</i>
far (less)	very much (less) OPP far (more)
typically	in a way that shows the usual qualities or features of a particular person or thing
shift	a change in what people think about sth
viewing	watching. A person who watches TV is a viewer .
indicate	show that sth is true, exists, or will happen
lifestyle	the way that people live their lives
on top of sth	in addition to sth else; as well as sth else
critical	If you are critical of sb or sth , you say that they are wrong or bad in some way.
repeat	A repeat is a show that has already been on TV and is shown again.

5 Complete the common phrases in the sentences.

- ▶ What's on TV tonight?
- 1 He was very critical _____ the programme.
- 2 How many TV _____ do most families have?
- 3 Most people watch a lot of TV _____ their youth.
- 4 I watch _____ less TV than I used to.
- 5 It's a very old TV set and on _____ of that, it doesn't get many channels.

6 Rewrite the sentences using the word in capitals in their correct form. The meaning must stay the same.

- ▶ They've got a seven-year-old boy. AGED They've got a boy aged seven.
- 1 They've shown that programme before. REPEAT _____
- 2 I didn't like the programme. In addition to that, I was too tired to finish watching it. TOP _____
- 3 Young people usually prefer online viewing. TYPICAL _____
- 4 Five million people watched that programme. VIEWERS _____
- 5 I watched a lot of TV when I was young. YOUTH _____
- 6 There was a lot of criticism of the programme. CRITICAL _____

7 Complete the dialogues.

- ▶ Was the programme very long? ~ Yes, and on top of that, it was quite boring.
- 1 Didn't she like it? ~ No, she was very _____ of it.
- 2 Do people watch TV differently today? ~ Yes, there has been a _____ away from traditional to online viewing.
- 3 Why are younger and older viewers so different? ~ They just have a different _____.
- 4 Do the figures show a change? ~ Yes, they _____ a big change.
- 5 Were the children quite young? ~ I think they were _____ 10 and 12.
- 6 Do you watch TV online? ~ Yes, _____ more than I did a few years ago.



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