

G: Hey, Carrie. Let's watch that new nature show on TV. It starts in five minutes.

C: Oh, I can't, Grandpa. Mom says I have to do my homework. But we can watch it later.

G: Later? It ends at seven.

C: I can get it on demand. We can watch it on 1\_\_\_\_\_

G: On demand?

C: Yeah. You know, you 2\_\_\_\_\_ watch TV shows at a specific time on TV any more. You can watch them 3\_\_\_\_\_ whenever you like.

G: So, can I watch the soccer game from: 4\_\_\_\_\_

C: Yes! You know, most people watch TV on demand now. Last night, I 5\_\_\_\_\_ three episodes of my favorite TV show.

G: Amazing! When I 6\_\_\_\_\_ young, my favorite TV show was on once a week. On Tuesday nights. It was a 7\_\_\_\_\_

C: How many TV channels were there?

G: Hmm ... There 8 many TV channels. Three, I think.

C: Three? Now there are hundreds. Was it 9?

G: No, it wasn't.

C: Were TVs cheap back then?

G: No, they 10. They were expensive. TV wasn't an everyday thing. We were the first family on our street to get one. It was 11 when I was ten. That's nearly 70 years ago! TV was special in the 1950s. We all watched TV together – the whole family. It was the same in every home in the country.

C: Everyone at the same time? That's funny. Were they happy?

G: Yes, they were. It was normal!

C: Mom and Dad often watch TV on their laptops and Susan has a tablet. We all watch TV alone.

G: People today 12 more time alone. It was very different when I was young. Parents, children, grandparents were all together more. TV was a shared 13.

C: Was that nice, Grandpa?

G: Yes, it was. I wasn't lonely. People did things together. It was fun.