



WRITTEN TEST



STEVE, 13 I love TV. The first thing I do when I wake up is to switch it on. My favourite channel is the Cartoon Network. I watch TV three to four hours a day. My parents think it is too much and they are always telling me to study, read a little or do a sport. But TV is my favourite hobby. Of course I know that my marks at school could be better if I concentrated more on schoolwork and took more time to do my homework, but I guess I'm addicted to my favourite programmes. Anyway, I have already promised my parents to watch less TV every day. I guess I'll have to go earlier to bed...



KATE, 14 I know most teens don't like watching the news, but I do. I like to know what is happening around our world. I also enjoy documentaries, especially about wildlife. I'm very curious about the way animals live and how to preserve their habitats. Another great thing about TV is that I can listen to my favourite music and watch the video clips at the same time. I also enjoy watching live shows and films, mostly comedies and thrillers. I watch TV two to three hours a day.



RACHEL, 17 I like TV as everybody else, but now that I'm older I am more selective about the programmes I watch. I used to watch cartoons all the time. Now I like watching the news and some game shows like "Who wants to be a millionaire?", so I don't really spend too much time in front of the box, an hour or two a day... Some programmes are educational and help us to use our imagination, but many are full of violence. There are also so many soaps and reality shows that make people forget that there is a real world out there to experience.

A. Read about what these teenagers have to say about TELEVISION. Complete the sentences with the names of the teenagers. (25 points)

1. chooses the programmes he/she wants to watch very carefully.

2. is obsessed about TV.

3. refers to the positive and negative effects of TV.

4. likes programmes about nature.

5. loves watching his/her favourite singers/bands on TV.

6. turns on the TV after getting up.

7. is the teenager who watches less TV of the three.

8. could be a better student if he/she watched TV less.

9. doesn't watch cartoons anymore.

10. likes watching things that make him/her laugh.

11. likes watching animated series.

12. likes the shows where people can win a lot of prizes.

13. thinks TV makes people stop thinking about real life.

14. wants to change his/her TV viewing habits.

15. loves films about crime, mystery and suspense.

B. TRUE or FALSE? Quote from the text to justify all your answers. (12 points)

1. Steve's parents don't mind that he watches so much TV.

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2. Kate likes to be informed about the world.

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3. Rachel's favourite programmes are still cartoons.

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C. Match the words from the text with their description on the right. (12 points)

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| 1. News | <input type="checkbox"/> | An animated film or TV programme. |
| 2. Documentary | <input type="checkbox"/> | A programme that shows real situations involving ordinary people. |
| 3. Comedy | <input type="checkbox"/> | A daily programme which tells people what is happening in the world. |
| 4. Thriller | <input type="checkbox"/> | A film that entertains and makes people laugh. |
| 5. Cartoons | <input type="checkbox"/> | A daily programme which follows the lives of a group of characters. |
| 6. Game show | <input type="checkbox"/> | A film with factual information about nature, politics... |
| 7. Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> | A programme where people answer questions and can win a lot of prizes. |
| 8. Reality show | <input type="checkbox"/> | A film about crime, mystery and suspense. |



D. Complete the text with the words from the box. (10 points)

For me TV is the best source of (1)..... I can relax and have fun at the same time. My fav TV (2)..... is "How I met your Mother". I like it (3)..... it is funny and I (4)..... myself a lot. I watch it every day. The series follows the main character Ted Mosby, and his group of (5)..... in Manhattan. I am also (6)..... of "Criminal Minds" and "CSI: NY".

TV is indeed very important for me. I would go (7)..... if I couldn't watch it for a week. My parents sometimes have to (8)..... my television viewing, but that's okay.

Mia, 13

- friends
- restrict
- because
- entertainment
- crazy
- programme
- fond
- enjoy

E. Complete the sentences using the infinitive or the -ing form. (12 points)

- She turned on the radio because she wanted..... (listen) to some music.
- We have decided (buy) a new plasma TV.
- I can't imagine (live) without watching TV for a week.
- You should (do) your homework, instead of (watch) TV before dinner.
- I like watching the news because I'm really keen on (know) what is happening around the world.
- I forgot (record) my favourite show.
- You may (become) addicted if you watch too much TV.

F. Complete the sentences using "who", "which" or "whose." (6 points)

1. We saw a film on TV was really interesting.
2. The article is about a singer has had great success recently.
3. I know the man job is to operate the camera.
4. The girl is sitting next to me just loves action films.
5. The actor ex-wife is Angelina Jolie is called Brad Pitt.
6. The remote control you are looking for is under the sofa.

G. Choose the right prefix or suffix to complete the sentences with the words in brackets. (5 points)

1. This fashion magazine is very (use) to teens. (ful / less / able)
2. This quiz show is so (create). (ible / ous / ive)
3. This is the most (credible) film I have ever seen. (un / in / im)
4. The main character of my favourite crime series is very (courage). (ous / able / ful)
5. These cinema seats are way too (comfortable). (dis / un / in)

H. Write about your TV viewing habits by answering the following questions. (18 points)

1. How often do you watch TV?

2. What are your favourite programmes and why?

3. Do you like watching the news? Why / why not?

4. Do your parents control / limit your TV viewing? Why / why not?

5. Would it be easy for you to stop watching TV for a week? What would you do then?

6. Do you think teens watch too much TV? Why / why not?

