

Read the text and mark the statements *True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).*

Pros and Cons of Watching TV

Television is very popular nowadays. We can have a clear idea what is happening in the world. We can have live information about sports events and competitions. One can have a weather forecast and plan several things beforehand. It is also a good source of entertainment which is very cheap. You can watch interesting programmes that are both entertaining and useful.

If you want to travel but do not have enough money, you can enjoy travelling on TV (for example watching the Discovery channel or National Geographic channel). There is a scientific channel, which is suitable for all ages. That is the fastest and cheapest way to improve your knowledge.

However along with some positive sides it has its negative points. Watching too much television is wasting time. Some films are not for all ages. Watching too much television also does harm to your eyes and nerves. Older people lose their own opinion. They feel whatever is being shown on television is correct and should be practised as such.

Nowadays TV is replaced by computer. Children spend too much time at the screen. Parents must always know what programmes their children watch on TV or the Internet and how much time they spend doing it.

1. We like television because it gives us information.
2. Television is the oldest and most popular mass media.
3. There are some good educational programmes on TV.
4. Television is better than textbooks as you get live information.
5. The more you watch TV the more you learn.
6. Television is helpful for lovers of sport.
7. All TV programmes are for all ages.
8. Television helps people to have their own opinion.
9. Television is more popular than computers.
10. Parents must control what and how much their children watch on TV.

True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).

