

E. GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

Exercise 1: Match the words and phrases with the definitions.

chat show / current affairs programme / documentary / drama / game show / reality show

1 an informal television or radio programme on which famous people are asked questions about themselves and their work: _____

2 a TV or radio programme giving political news about events happening now: _____

3 a television programme about ordinary people who are filmed in authentic situations: _____

4 a television programme where people score points by answering questions or doing things: _____

5 a film, or television or radio programme that gives facts and information about a subject: _____

6 a play in a theatre or on television or radio: _____

Exercise 2: Put the words in the correct order to complete the sentences.

Of the people / were in favour / over 50% / interviewed said they / a little / of an election / .

Like to quit / half of / slightly under / said they would / all smokers / .

All residents felt / one-fifth of / that the amenities / were substandard / approximately / .

Third of / just / households / under a / have pets / .

On their phones / the commuters / almost all / to the news / said that / they listen / .

One in / ten viewers / with the quality / roughly / was happy / of news broadcasts / .

Exercise 3: Correct the underlined mistakes.

1. A small under 80% of regular listeners are satisfied with the quality of the programmes.

2. Slight over 30% of the readers said they were going to cancel their subscription to the magazine.

3. Approximatly 90% of subscribers to the online edition had no complaints.

4. Most all viewers felt that documentaries and financial programmes were well researched.
5. Just as over 50% of the people who took part in the survey wanted an election.
6. Rough one in three readers was dissatisfied with the sports coverage.

Exercise 4: Complete the sentences. Use the percentages in the box.

19% / 30% / 49% / 65% / 81% / 89%

- 1 _____ is just over four-fifths.
- 2 _____ is a little under two-thirds.
- 3 _____ is almost one-fifth.
- 4 _____ is about nine-tenths.
- 5 _____ is roughly half.
- 6 _____ is exactly three-tenths.

Exercise 5: Which passive forms are used in the sentences? Match the tenses in the box with the correct sentences.

future perfect / future simple / past continuous / past simple / present continuous /
present perfect / present simple

- 1 The sports programme is being watched by millions of people. _____
- 2 The sports programme was watched by millions of people. _____
- 3 The sports programme has been watched by millions of people. _____
- 4 The sports programme was being watched by millions of people. _____
- 5 The sports programme will have been watched by millions of people. _____
- 6 The sports programme is watched by millions of people. _____
- 7 The sports programme will be watched by millions of people. _____

Exercise 6: Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

- 1 The broadcasting corporation produces many historical dramas.
Many historical dramas _____ by the broadcasting corporation.
- 2 That presenter has read the news for ten years.
The news _____ by that presenter for ten years.
- 3 The prime minister will make an important announcement on Wednesday.
An important announcement _____ by the prime minister on Wednesday.

4 The newspaper's chief editor wrote the lead article.

The lead article _____ by the newspaper's chief editor.

5 The news channel is producing a documentary about homelessness.

A documentary about homelessness _____ by the news channel.

6 The education minister will have closed all schools with fewer than 50 pupils by the end of the year.

All schools with fewer than 50 pupils _____ by the education minister by the end of the year.

7 They were making a film about the cultural scene in Bradford when we visited the studio.

A film about the cultural scene in Bradford _____ when we visited the studio.

Exercise 7: Put the words in the correct order to complete the sentences.

1

Will be / that next year / reduced by 50% / documentaries produced / the number of / it has been said / .

2

Believed that / by huge numbers / of young adults in the nineties / it is / reality TV / was being watched / .

3

It is / for financial reasons / will have been stopped / the production of / all historical TV dramas / widely accepted / that by 2025 / .

4

Over 10 million viewers / it is estimated / is currently / being watched by / that the sports programme / .

5

Is listened to / aged over 50 every week / by 10 million people / the gardening programme on the radio / .

Exercise 8: Correct the underlined mistakes.

1 A large number of sporting events are covered with the commercial channels.

2 Last night's sports programme has watched by nearly 4 million people.

3 By the end of this month, proceedings in parliament will be filmed for over 30 years.

4 Highlights of many sporting events is shown nightly on the channel.

5 Many free newspapers are been distributed outside stations at all times of the day.

6 A play about the hardships of village life is being rehearsed when we visited the theatre.

Exercise 9: In which sentence is the adverb or adverbial phrase in the correct position? Choose the correct sentences.

1

- The interview secretly with the motorist was being filmed.
- The interview with the motorist was being secretly filmed.

2

- A children's programme currently is being viewed by all the pupils in the nursery school.
- Currently, a children's programme is being viewed by all the pupils in the nursery school.

3

- The news channel has been criticised for its coverage unfairly of the election.
- The news channel has been unfairly criticised for its coverage of the election.

4

- British documentaries frequently were exported to South America in the eighties and nineties.
- British documentaries were frequently exported to South America in the eighties and nineties.

5

- This game show will have been broadcast over 100 times probably by the end of the year.
- This game show will probably have been broadcast over 100 times by the end of the year.

6

- This current affairs programme is regularly watched by most of my friends and colleagues.
- This current affairs programme regularly is watched by most of my friends and colleagues.

7

- Tomorrow's tennis match will be watched by millions without doubt on pay-as-you-view channels.
- Tomorrow's tennis match will without doubt be watched by millions on pay-as-you-view channels.

Exercise 10: Read the magazine article about a television documentary. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box.

have been added / is being broadcast / is broadcast / was being produced / was opened / were / filmed / were relocated / will be shown / will have been watched

The aim of our new documentary is to bring to life the culture and industries of central England in the nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Our documentary is based on an open-air museum located in central England on 26 acres of former industrial land. It _____ to the public in 1978, and since then over 50 shops, houses and other industrial buildings from nearby towns _____. Most buildings _____ from their original sites to form a village in which actors portray life from over 300 years of history, but with a focus on the period 1850–1950. Many different aspects of museum life _____ during the ten-month period in which the documentary _____. In one scene, viewers _____ what it was like to be a pupil in a Victorian reading lesson at the village school, and in another scene the life of a miner underground will be depicted. The first episode _____ this week and ratings are expected to be extremely high. It is estimated that by the time the final episode _____, the series _____ by over 50 million viewers.