

VOCABULARY

Television

Exercise 1

Match the programme names to the pictures.

talk show



the news

cooking show

game show



Exercise 2

Match the programme types (1-7) to the descriptions (A-G).

Types of TV programme

- 1 wildlife documentary
- 2 historical documentary
- 3 reality show
- 4 talent show
- 5 cartoon
- 6 sitcom
- 7 soap opera

Description

- a series, usually daily, that follows the lives of a group of people
- a weekly programme showing a group of characters in different amusing or comic situations
- a programme where amateur competitors perform to judges
- film that shows events that really happened in the past
- programme that follows the lives of real people in situations happening at the present time
- films about animals and plants
- film, often for children, that uses drawing instead of real actors

Exercise 3

Use one adjective for each gap from those below.

addictive annoying boring depressing

educational funny popular

- 1 Sitcoms are usually _____, but some of them just don't make me laugh.
- 2 Cooking shows are _____ right now, but I hardly ever watch them.
- 3 Documentaries are _____. They often show you new things.
- 4 Wildlife programs are occasionally _____. They look pretty, but not much happens.
- 5 Joe thinks that reality TV shows are _____. The contestants are always loud and rude.
- 6 News programs are sometimes _____. Lots of bad things are happening right now.
- 7 Soap operas can be very _____. Some people never stop watching them.

Exercise 4

Match the words to the pictures.

- a** a cable box
- b** an antenna
- c** a remote control
- d** a satellite dish
- e** a TV
- f** a speaker



Exercise 5

Match the people to what they do.

1 a contestant	a asks questions on TV
2 a host	b is invited to appear in a TV show
3 the cast	c play the roles in a TV series
4 a newsreader	d presents a TV show
5 an interviewer	e reads the news on TV
6 a guest	f takes part in a TV show contest or competition

Now name some TV programmes in which you may find the people mentioned in this exercise.

Exercise 6

Match the two halves of the sentences below to form descriptions about a TV show.

1 The show is broadcast	a interesting / original / very informative / really funny / very relaxing / exciting / full of suspense / very dull
2 The show is about	b once a week / every day / twice a month
3 The show features	c relax / fall asleep / get up in the morning / improve my general knowledge
4 I find it	d some celebrities / special guests / ordinary people
5 The show helps me	e travel / current affairs / life in New York City

Now describe a TV show using the vocabulary above. You should say: what type of programme it is, what it is about, what you think about it.

Exercise 7

Complete the text by choosing the best answer for each space (1-10).

My Family



My family is a popular weekly television comedy (0) **a** based on a supposedly (1) **a** British family. Life is certainly never (2) **a** in their house. The father, Ben, is a dentist who spends most of his time (3) **a** about his kids, while Susan, his wife, is (4) **a** at cooking and wants to control everyone's lives. Lazy Nick, the oldest son, tries out increasingly (5) **a** jobs, daughter Janey is crazy about fashion and is always (6) **a** her parents for money. Michael is the clever teenager, looking for a girlfriend and (7) **a** to keep out of his father's way. This show has strong (8) **a** placed in embarrassing and amusing, but still believable, situations - the perfect ingredients for a long running (9) **a**.

0	a series	b channel	c set
1	a actual	b current	c typical
2	a usual	b dull	c common
3	a annoying	b complaining	c disappointing
4	a horrible	b difficult	c terrible
5	a unsuitable	b unnecessary	c untidy
6	a demanding	b asking	c questioning
7	a patient	b jealous	c anxious
8	a characters	b heroes	c roles
9	a soap	b sitcom	c drama