63 TV and online viewing

A TV (Television) programmes

Channel 5	
7.00–7.30	early evening news with **newsreader** Gemma Matheson
7.30–8.00	*The Eldersons* – **soap opera**
8.00–9.00	**documentary**: *Where does all the rubbish go?*
9.00–10.00	*Having a Laugh*: **game show** with **host** Arlo Walsh
10.00–10.40	**episode** 1 of the new Icelandic **drama series** *The Blackwood Lake*
10.40–11.30	**talk show** with host Tanya Kaye and **guests**
11.30–1.20	film: *The Lost Continent*

GLOSSARY

channel	a TV station
newsreader	a person who reads **the news** on TV, radio, etc.
soap opera	a story about the lives of a group of people that is on TV or radio every day or several times a week: ALSO **soap:** *I don't watch* ***soaps***.
documentary	a film or TV programme that gives facts about sth
game show	a TV programme in which people play games or answer questions to win prizes
host	a person who introduces a TV or radio programme, and talks to guests
episode	one part of a TV or radio story that is shown or told in different parts
drama series	a number of programmes on TV or radio which have the same main characters and each tell a complete story
talk show	a TV programme where famous people are invited to talk about themselves SYN **chat show**
guest	a person who is invited to a special event, e.g. a talk show, a party

1 Find the end of each word or compound noun.

drama / channeltalkshowdocumentaryhostguestsoapoperaseriesepisodechatshow

2 Match 1–5 with a–f.

▶ special	c	a	opera
1 drama	.....	b	Four
2 chat	.....	c	guest ✓
3 news	.....	d	series
4 soap	.....	e	reader
5 Channel	.....	f	show

3 Complete the sentences.

▶ Most soap operas are on during the early evening.
1 They're showing the first ..... of a new drama series tonight.
2 I don't like that ..... show where young women try to find boyfriends.
3 The thing is, ... shows are only interesting if the ..... are interesting.
4 Which ..... is that new game show on? ~ ITV, I think.
5 I don't like ....., but my grandmother watches them every evening – never misses one.
6 There have been more female chat show ..... in the last fifteen years, which is good.
7 I loved that ..... series about the Swedish detective called Saga.
8 I saw a wonderful ..... about the strong social relationships that form between elephants.

4 ABOUT YOU **What do you think of these programmes? Do you often watch them? Write your answers, or talk to another student.**

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TEST YOURSELF

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B How do you watch TV?

According to a national report, the **youth** market, and particularly young people **aged** 16-24 years old, are watching **far less** TV on traditional **sets** than they were in 2010. Those still watching on TV sets are **typically** over 65. This is because there has been a **shift** to digital **viewing** (e.g. on YouTube), together with the rise of online services such as Netflix and Amazon.

The report **indicates** a growing difference in the **lifestyle** habits of younger and older **viewers. On top of** that, younger viewers are also more **critical of** the standard of traditional TV. They complained about the number of **repeats** and the lack of variety.

SPOTLIGHT *TV*

TV (= television) can be countable or uncountable.
- *I watch a lot of **TV**. The film is on **TV** tonight.*
- *There's a **TV set** in every room.*

GLOSSARY

youth	the part of your life when you are young: *I travelled a lot **in my youth.***
aged	at the age mentioned: *two children, **aged** 5 and 7*
far (less)	very much (less) OPP **far (more)**
typically	in a way that shows the usual qualities or features of a particular person or thing
shift	a change in what people think about sth
viewing	watching. A person who watches TV is a **viewer**.
indicate	show that sth is true, exists, or will happen
lifestyle	the way that people live their lives
on top of sth	in addition to sth else; as well as sth else
critical	If you are **critical of sb** or **sth**, you say that they are wrong or bad in some way.
repeat	A **repeat** is a show that has already been on TV and is shown again.

5 Complete the common phrases in the sentences.

▶ What's on TV tonight?
1 He was very critical ..... the programme.
2 How many TV ..... do most families have?
3 Most people watch a lot of TV ..... their youth.
4 I watch ..... less TV than I used to.
5 It's a very old TV set and on ..... of that, it doesn't get many channels.

6 Rewrite the sentences using the word in capitals in their correct form. The meaning must stay the same.

▶ They've got a seven-year-old boy. AGED They've got a boy aged seven.
1 They've shown that programme before. REPEAT .....
2 I didn't like the programme. In addition to that, I was too tired to finish watching it. TOP .....
3 Young people usually prefer online viewing. TYPICAL .....
4 Five million people watched that programme. VIEWERS .....
5 I watched a lot of TV when I was young. YOUTH .....
6 There was a lot of criticism of the programme. CRITICAL .....

7 Complete the dialogues.

▶ Was the programme very long? ~ Yes, and on top of that, it was quite boring.
1 Didn't she like it? ~ No, she was very ..... of it.
2 Do people watch TV differently today? ~ Yes, there has been a ..... away from traditional to online viewing.
3 Why are younger and older viewers so different? ~ They just have a different ..... .
4 Do the figures show a change? ~ Yes, they ..... a big change.
5 Were the children quite young? ~ I think they were ..... 10 and 12.
6 Do you watch TV online? ~ Yes, ... more than I did a few years ago.

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