

# 90'S TV SHOWS

## A. Introduction:

1. What tv shows were popular the year you were born?  
Google it and find three.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Now make a list of your favourite tv shows/  
cartoons from your childhood (at least three).

3. Can you recognize the tv shows from their intros?

Listen to the following extracts and write the name  
of the show in the space given.







## B. Video activity:

1. Look at the pictures. Do you recognize the show?  
Complete the review with the words from the box.



teenagers heighten secret throws storyteller public episodes their variety abandoned

**Are You Afraid of the Dark?** revolves around a group of \_\_\_\_\_ in a club named "The Midnight Society." Every week at a \_\_\_\_\_ location in the woods, one member tells a scary story to the group. Each \_\_\_\_\_ begins their story by saying "Submitted for the approval of the Midnight Society, I call this story..." and then \_\_\_\_\_ a handful of "midnight dust" from a leather pouch into a campfire. They do this to \_\_\_\_\_ the flames, produce a white smoke, and create a scary mood for \_\_\_\_\_ story. The themes of the stories include a \_\_\_\_\_ of paranormal phenomena, such as demons, ghosts, magic, haunted houses, curses, witches, and vampires coming into contact with normal kids. Most \_\_\_\_\_ were filmed in the woods, in \_\_\_\_\_ houses, or in \_\_\_\_\_ places like schools or libraries. Although many episodes have happy endings that teach a lesson, a few have sad or twist endings.

The show was launched by Nickelodeon in March 1992.

2. Find words in the text that:

a. mean the same as:

authorization, consent \_\_\_\_\_

hinge on, be based on \_\_\_\_\_

inaugurate, introduce \_\_\_\_\_

b. The opposite of:

calming, soothing \_\_\_\_\_

a lot, large number of \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Before you watch.

We are going to work with the first episode of the show.  
Guess the name:

# Are You Afraid of the Dark?

- a. The tale of Laughing in the Dark
- b. The curse of the Phantom Cab
- c. The tale of the Forever Game.

What do you think happens in the episode? Make predictions.

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### 4. While you watch

- a. Write the correct name of the character next to the description.

Buzz   Denny   Frank   dave

- 1. The new boy in the Midnight Society. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Frank's sponsor. He invites Frank into the Society. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. He is the older brother. He is a jerk. He's a character in the story \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. He is younger than his brother. He is nerdy. \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Answer the questions:

1. Why is Frank blindfolded at the beginning?

What needs to happen for Frank to become a member of the society?

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2. Why did the boys have problems with their compass?

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3. Who do the boys meet in the forest? Where does he bring them?

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4. Who is Dr. Vink? What do the boys need to do in order to use the phone?

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5. How will the boys get home?

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6. Who is driving the cab? What is his connection to the "specimen"?

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7. What is the curse? \_\_\_\_\_

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### 5. After you watch:

What is the answer to the first riddle? "How far can you walk into the woods?"

What is the answer to the second riddle? "What has no weight, can be seen by the naked eye, and if put in a barrel will it make it lighter?" \_\_\_\_\_