# UNIT 7: TELEVISION

## F. READING

### I. Complete the passage with the words from the box.

| friends | because | crazy | enjoy | programme | entertainment | restrict |
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For me TV is the best source of (1)_____. I can relax and have fun at the same time. My favourite TV (2)_____ is "How I met your mother". I like it (3)_____ it is funny and I (4)_____ myself a lot. I watch it every day. The series follows the main character Ted Mosby, and his group of (5)_____ in Manhattan. I am also (6)_____ of "Criminal Minds" and "CSI:NY".

TV is indeed very important for me. I would go (7)_____ if I couldn't watch it for a week. My parents sometimes have to (8)_____ my television viewing, but that's okay.

### II. Choose the correct answer for each of the gaps to complete the following text.

Television first came some sixty years ago in the 1950s. Nowadays, it is one of the most (1)_____sources of entertainment for both the old and the young. Television brings (2)_____ for children, world news, music and many other (3) _____. If someone likes sports, he can just choose the right sports, (4)_____. It is not difficult for us to see why (5)_____ is a TV set in almost every home today.

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| 1. A.cheap | B.expensive | C.popular | D.exciting |
| 2. A.news | B.cartoons | C.sports | D.plays |
| 3. A.sets | B.reports | C.channels | D.programmes |



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4. A.athletes B.channel C.time D.studio

5. A.it B.this C.that D.there

**III. Read the passage, and decide whether the sentences are true (T) or false (F).**

Television is an important invention of the 20th century. It has been so popular that we can't imagine what life would be like if there were no television. Television is a major means of communication and entertainment. It brings pictures and sound from around the world into millions of homes. Through television, viewers can see and learn about people, places and things in distant lands. Television widens our knowledge by introducing new ideas which may lead us to new hobbies and recreations. In addition to the news, television provides us with a variety of programs that can satisfy every taste. Most people now seem to like spending their evenings watching television than to go out.

1. Television is an important means of communication.
2. Television provides us with a variety of programs.
3. Most people don't like watching TV in the evening.
4. Television can't satisfy all our tastes.
5. People can learn many things through TV.

**IV. Read the passages carefully. Then answer the questions.**



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**Steve, 13**

I love TV. The first thing I do when I wake up is to switch it on. My favourite channel is the Cartoon Network. I watch TV three or four hours a day. My parents think it is too much and they are always telling me to study, read a little or do a sport. But TV is my favourite hobby. I'm addicted to my favourite progammes.

**Kate, 14**

I know most teens don't like watching the news, but I do. I like to know what is happening around our world. I also enjoy documentaries, especially about wildlife. I'm very curious about the way animals live and how to preserve their habitats. I also enjoy watching live shows and films, mostly comedies and thrillers. I

**Rachel, 17**

I like TV as everybody else, but now that I'm older I am more selective about the programmes I watch. I used to watch cartoons all the time. Now I like watching the news and some games shows like "Who wants to be a millionaire?", so I don't really spend too much time in front of the box, an hour or two a day... Some programmes are educational and help us to useour imagination, but

**1.** Which TV programme does Steve like watching?

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**2.** Why does Kate like watching documentaries on wildlife?

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**3.** How much time does Rachel spend watching TV?

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**4.** According to Rachel, what are the benefits of TV?

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