



Vocabulary

I Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two words you don't need.

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- 1 The drama is an _____ of a book by Charles Dickens.
- 2 I love that show – it's great _____!
- 3 He's the _____ of a reality TV show.
- 4 There's a really funny _____ by a swimming pool.
- 5 The show is popular with _____ of all ages.

II Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I hate that show – it's absolutely *bad* / *awful*!
- 2 They are very *similar* / *identical* performers.
- 3 That comedy was very / *absolutely* hilarious!
- 4 It was *quite* / *absolutely* interesting.

Grammar

III Complete each sentence with one word.

- 1 She was very surprised when Ivan told _____ that she was the winner.
- 2 The couple explained to the press that they _____ going to move to a bigger house in Hollywood.
- 3 She claimed that she _____ never been to New York before.
- 4 Ann suggested organising a party the _____ weekend as she had no plans.
- 5 Patrick said that he _____ play the trumpet very well. He said he was also a talented guitarist.



IV Complete the reported statements.

1 'We live in London.'

Jo and Carla told me that _____ London.

2 'It's raining here.'

Max said that _____.

3 'I'm going to buy a flat.'

My sister said that _____ a flat.

4 'I probably won't win.'

She pointed _____ win.

5 'I lost my wallet yesterday.'

He explained that _____ before.

V Choose the correct words.

1 I asked Sam *where he lived* / *where did he live*.

2 Ana asked him *what was he doing* / *what he was doing*.

3 I asked Sara *was she enjoying* / *if she was enjoying* the show.

4 They asked *that I leave* / *me to leave*.

5 They told me *not to worry* / *don't worry*.

VI Complete the reported questions and imperatives.

1 'What are you going to wear?'

Diane asked her _____.

2 'Don't be late.'

Liam told him _____.

3 'Have you worked with this director before?'

I asked him if _____.

4 'Where did you buy your phone?'

He asked me _____.

5 'Don't forget your appointment next week.'

Mrs Jones told me _____.



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3 Read what three people say about the future of television. For questions 1–5, drag from the people (A–C). You can choose each person more than once.

Which person ...

1 thinks that in the future your TV will get to know your tastes?

2 talks about the importance of price?

3 believes that in the future there will be more choice for people with minority tastes?

4 enjoys watching their favourite programmes at any time?

5 mentions a time when there were a lot of programmes but nothing worth watching?

A) Gina Fallon
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B) Leon Adams
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C) Dana Jones
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THE FUTURE OF TELEVISION

A Gina Fallon

When my parents were young, there were only two or three channels to choose from. I think people at that time were happy with that because there was nothing else. Then satellite and cable TV came along. These companies offered hundreds of channels for a monthly fee. But everyone agrees that a lot of these programmes were poorly made and people spent more time changing channels trying to find something interesting to watch than actually watching something. I think television will change a lot in the future. Firstly, more and more people are now buying smart TVs which are linked to the Internet. This has lots of possibilities. One idea is for the television to remember what you have watched and, when you next switch on, it will tell you about programmes that you might be interested in. We will also be able to link our televisions to our friends' televisions and find out what they are watching so we can watch the same. That will be cool!

B Leon Adams

A lot of people assume that television will continue to work in the future as it does now, with programmes appearing at a certain time each week. However, most companies now offer a catch-up service where you can watch programmes from the previous week that you have missed. There are also online television providers who allow you to watch what you like, when you like, so you can watch a whole series in one night. This is great



for people like me who hate waiting to find out what is going to happen next. One big advantage of not having specific times for programmes is that no-one can complain that 'there's nothing worth watching this evening'. It also means that television companies can show programmes for everyone, from popular series to documentaries that only a handful of people will be interested in. So, there will always be something to watch, whoever you are.

C Dana Jones

I think that in the past there were a lot of good programmes, although people always seemed to complain that there was nothing worth watching. I worry that in the future we won't get the same quality of programmes. In recent years, there has been a rise in the number of free video channels on the Internet. Why should people pay to watch television when they can spend their evenings watching almost anything for free? Television companies have to charge their viewers for their service, of course. But if the service is too expensive, no-one will sign up for it. On the other hand, if the service is too cheap, the company won't be able to afford to buy or make enough programmes. This creates a huge dilemma for television companies. I think it's a bigger problem for them than keeping up with the latest technological advances. It isn't clear to me how they will manage to find a solution.

You have seen this announcement on a student website.

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- Make some suggestions for how it could be improved.
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