

ARTICLE

Read the following article and complete it with the expressions from the box

but also
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in conclusion
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Television has become an important part of everyday life and children today spend hours watching a variety of programmes. These facts have led people to question whether television viewing adversely influences children, and if so, to wonder what may be done to prevent such negative influence.

Supporters of television, such as the representatives of TV channels, claim that there is no need for concern. To support their opinion they cite studies by psychologists which indicate that children are not indiscriminate viewers. 1)....., they maintain that 2)..... do children tend to choose programmes that pass on positive messages, 3)..... that they are able to distinguish between reality and fiction, and are 4)..... not negatively affected by what they watch.

5)....., research has been conducted that contradicts the above findings. This second body of research indicates that the increased depiction of gratuitous violence and immorality in television programmes has indeed affected today's youth and is

directly related to the increase in juvenile crime and the breakdown of moral values in society. 6)....., the experts responsible for this research have suggested steps that might be taken to solve this problem.

One way to prevent television's negative influence would be for the government to censor the content of certain violent or immoral programmes. Types of broadcasts that are felt to exert negative influences could be shown only late at night when children are not likely to be watching. In this way the degree to which children might be exposed to negative influences would be limited.

7)....., parents could monitor what their children watch and take on the responsibility of changing channels or switching off the television set when they feel the programme being viewed may be harmful, 8)..... ensuring their children are not exposed to negative influences.

9)....., it may be said that it is not yet possible to ascertain if, or to what extent TV negatively influences children. 10)....., as the possibility does exist, it might be wise to take precautionary measures such as those mentioned above. After all, as is often said, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."