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Before you read...

1. Match the type of TV show with the correct image.

SPORTS	REALITY SHOW	CARTOON
		

2. Vocabulary: Match the words in the box with the pictures.

harmful	steady	disability	cast member	disregard
				



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While you read...

1. Go to your *Student Book*. Open it on page 38. Read the article and answer the question.

What does the writer think?

- a. Reality TV can make people more tolerant.
- b. Participants on reality TV shows teach us nothing.
- c. The popularity of reality TV is decreasing.

2. Read the article again. Read the following statements and answer, which one is not true?

- a. TV stations around the world have broadcast a steady stream of reality shows among the years.
- b. New formats of reality shows are constantly being developed due to their ongoing popularity.
- c. Some reality shows gave the viewers the wrong message and they were still famous.
- d. Reality TV can raise awareness of controversial topics, but they don't.
- e. Reality shows are often criticized for not having any genuinely entertaining or educational content.

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3. Read the article one more time. Choose the correct answers.

a. Since 1999...

- *Big Brother* has been the most popular show on TV.
- celebrities' lifestyles have become more amazing.
- there have been many reality shows on TV.
- some celebrities have lived on a desert island.
- people's behavior on reality shows has gotten worse.

b. TV viewers...

- aren't very interested in reality shows.
- often discuss reality shows online.
- find fans of reality shows intriguing.
- prefer to watch reality shows online.
- often complain about reality shows.

c. In the U.S...

- TV stations rarely introduce new reality shows.
- everyone wants to wear designer clothes.
- most women want to have cosmetic surgery.
- reality shows don't always give the right message.
- reality shows feature invented characters.

d. Reality TV...

- can draw attention to controversial issues.
- should show more people from different ethnic backgrounds.
- avoids bringing up subjects that are difficult to talk about.
- discourages teenagers from taking responsibility.
- has increased the number of teenage pregnancies.

e. According to the graph, US TV viewing figures show that...

- drama shows were the most popular show in 2005-6.
- sitcoms have always been popular.
- more people watch sports than drama.
- sport shows were the least popular in 2008-9.
- reality shows in 2007-8 were especially popular.