The impact of TV

Read the article and use the correct preposition to complete the questions use the ideas in the article as reference)

The problem with TV



Young people tune into TV for over four and a half hours every single day. That's an **increase in** TV viewing **of** 40 minutes a day compared to a few years ago. But it's not surprising that we're watching more TV. With all the latest technology, TV is now viewed online, on mobile devices such as phones and tablets, or on digital video recorders (DVRs). What's clear is that TV is central to our lives. But what kind of **impact** does it have **on** us?



1 Language development There is a lot of **research on** TV and its effects on children. What is most disturbing is that TV may have a negative **effect on** children's language development. While the results of studies vary, the opinion of most experts is that children under two should not watch TV.

2 Obesity An average teenager sees 6,000 food commercials a year, and most are **advertisements for** fast foods, candy, and sugary cereals. It is also likely that increased TV-viewing time contributes to inactivity. Experts claim that these are two of the main **reasons for** the **rise in** obesity among young people.

3 Literacy One **problem with** TV is that it reduces the time that students spend reading. Research shows that there is a direct **link between** reading and good test scores, and it's possible that TV viewing is one **cause of** poor test results.

4 Social skills There is also some **concern about** TV and its **influence on** behavior. In one survey, teachers complained that some shows encourage their students to behave badly. Other reports suggest that there is a **relationship between** watching too much TV and bullying.

Which nouns in the article are followed by these prepositions? Write them in the chart. Some nouns take more than one preposition.

_____ about	_____ between _____	_____ for _____	increase in _____
_____ of _____	_____ on _____ _____ _____	_____ with	

Complete the questions with prepositions. Use the article to help you. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

1. What's one reason _____ the increase _____ TV viewing over the last few years?
2. What does the article say about the effects of TV _____ children under two?
3. What foods are most food advertisements _____ ? Is there a problem _____ this?
4. What's another cause _____ the rise _____ obesity levels among young people?
5. What's the link _____ watching TV and reading? Why is there concern _____ this?
6. What impact does TV have _____ students' behavior?

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Complete the notes and sentences with prepositions. Then add another idea that could replace the bold words in each sentence.

1. advertisement for — There are a lot of advertisements for **fast food** on television. (children's toys)

2. cause _____ — One cause _____ low test scores may be **TV viewing**.
3. concern _____ — There is a lot of concern _____ **childhood obesity**.
4. effect _____ — Advertising may have an effect _____ **children's diets**.
5. influence _____ — TV has a big influence _____ **children's behavior**.
6. impact _____ — Television has an impact _____ **young children**.
7. link _____ — There is a link _____ TV viewing and **language development**.
8. problem _____ — One problem _____ television is **the number of commercials**.
9. relationship _____ — There's a relationship _____ reading and **test scores**.
10. reason _____ — What are the reasons _____ **obesity**?
11. research _____ — The research _____ **TV viewing** is very clear.
12. rise _____ — There has been a rise _____ **bullying in schools**.

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