

UNIT 6

LESSON D: POPULAR TV

1. Read the article. Write the headings for each section in the correct place.

Watch on your cell phone	Watch on your computer	Watch on your TV
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How are you watching your favorite TV shows?

1. _____

You like watching shows on your TV at home, but you don't want to pay a lot of money. In the past, most TV programs were free. Now you have to pay for many TV channels. Satellite dishes are expensive, too. Get a digital video player. It's a small box, and it's not very expensive. Connect it to your TV, and you can watch shows from the Internet on your TV for free!

2. _____

You can watch many TV shows online. For example, one website has TV shows from the United States and England. Another website has TV shows from around the world. Do you like reruns? On some websites you can watch old TV shows. Watch all the episodes of an entire year of your favorite show in one weekend!


Some TV networks have their own TV programs online. These programs have a series of episodes. The episodes of these TV programs are often online for only a few weeks. Then the networks remove the old episodes and add new ones. There are also some commercials, but they are usually short.

3. _____

You are never home and you don't like to take your computer everywhere with you. You can download TV shows from a website to your computer. Then download them from your computer to your phone. It is even possible to download or stream some TV shows directly into some types of cell phones. You can watch the shows on a bus, or on a train, or while you are exercising at the gym!

TV is almost 100 years old! Here are some important dates in the history of television.

- **1920s** first TV sets
- **1930s** first TV commercial
- **1940s** first sitcom, first color TV sets
- **1950s** first reality show
- **1960s** first satellite TV



2. Read the article and choose the best answer for each question.

- a. Are reality shows new? _____
- b. Do shows online have commercials? _____
- c. Can you watch reruns online? _____
- d. How can you watch TV shows on a bus? _____
- e. What can you connect to your TV to watch shows from the internet? _____
