

The CSI effect

Background

The UK and the USA produce some of the most popular TV programmes in the world. Exporting TV programmes such as *Top Gear*, *Downton Abbey* and *The X Factor* makes UK TV companies over £1 billion each year. *CSI* is an American crime drama TV series which started in 2000. It is about people who work as crime scene investigators for the police. Although it has been criticised for not being very realistic, it is hugely popular in the USA and other countries, and it has been recognised as the most watched TV drama series in the world.

1 ▶ Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 *The X Factor* and *Mr Bean* are from
a the USA. b Britain. c Dubai.
- 2 *CSI* is a TV show from
a the USA. b Australia. c Canada.
- 3 *CSI* is popular
a in the USA. b in Britain. c all over the world.

2 ▶ Watch again. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 In 2011, *CSI* had 63 million viewers in the world. **true / false**
- 2 Students can now study the TV show at university. **true / false**
- 3 The scientists in *CSI* work in the same way as real forensic scientists. **true / false**
- 4 The forensic scientist in the DVD clip finds something on a TV screen. **true / false**
- 5 The forensic scientist makes notes on a tablet. **true / false**
- 6 The forensic scientist in the DVD clip collects the evidence and then interviews the suspects. **true / false**

3 ▶ Watch again. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

analyse export know photograph specialise study touch

- 1 Britain _____ TV shows like *Skins* to different countries.
- 2 Now, more people _____ forensic science at university because of *CSI*.
- 3 The forensic scientists on *CSI* _____ the evidence in the laboratory.
- 4 In real life, forensic scientists _____ in different areas.
- 5 The forensic scientist in the DVD clip _____ the evidence before he _____ it.
- 6 People _____ more about forensic science because of *CSI*.

CSI:
CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

4 Vocabulary

RECYCLE Complete the TV guide with the words below.

drama plot script sitcom special effects talent show

TV tonight

7.00 p.m.	Dancing Shoes	Celebrities dance for a place in next week's final of this popular 1 _____.
8.00 p.m.	Up and Away	A new series of this very funny 2 _____ will make you laugh.
8.30 p.m.	The Street Episode 6	Author Greg Jackson wrote the 3 _____ for this period 4 _____ about life on a small street in 1930s Liverpool.
9.15 p.m.	Gravity	Sandra Bullock and George Clooney star in this gripping science fiction film. The film has a simple 5 _____ about an astronaut in space trying to get back to Earth, but the 6 _____ are spectacular and very realistic.
11.00 p.m.	News and weather	The national news and weather followed by news from where you live

5 Complete the text with the words below.

entertainment value global ratings viewers

GAME OF THRONES

Game of Thrones is a fantasy drama set in the fictional continents of Westeros and Essos. It was first on TV in the USA in 2011, but now has a 1 _____ audience of hundreds of millions, with 2 _____ in the USA, the UK, Australia, China, India and around the world. Its 3 _____ show that it is one of the most popular TV shows ever. The drama may not be very realistic or informative, but it is high on 4 _____, which is why it is popular all over the world.

