

Television, cinema and theatre



1) Listen to three people talking about their favourite TV programmes. What type of programmes are they. Match the words with the speakers.

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| Speaker 1 | chat show comedy costume drama current affairs documentary reality TV show soap opera |
| Speaker 2 | |
| Speaker 3 | |

2) Write the type of programme that is being defined below. Use the words from (1).

a- _____ a programme which aims to be humorous.

b- _____ a programme which consists of discussion and analysis of recent events.

c- _____ programmes with episodes broadcast daily or several times a week, following the lives of a cast of characters.

d- _____ a factual programme giving information about a certain subject.

e- _____ a programme telling a story set some ago in the past.

f- _____ a programme or series in which people are filmed without a script in a particular situation to see how they behave.

g- _____ an informal programme in which famous people are asked questions about themselves and their work.



Vocabulary Note

- We can SEE things without trying.

I saw James when I was in the supermarket.

- When we look at, watch or read about something, we make an effort.

She looked at the clock to see what the time was.

- We watch things for a period of time and they are usually moving or changing.

I spent Saturday afternoon watching Jake play football.

- We hear things without trying but when we listen to something we make an effort.

We stopped playing when we heard the whistle.

I like to listen to the radio on Saturday mornings.

3) Look at the words below. Write C if they are for the cinema/films, T if they are for the theatre/plays or B if they are for both.

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| 1. actor _____ | 8. director _____ | 15. reviews _____ |
| 2. audience _____ | 9. interval _____ | 16. scenery _____ |
| 3. box office _____ | 10. location _____ | 17. screen _____ |
| 4. cartoon _____ | 11. musical _____ | 18. soundtrack _____ |
| 5. cast _____ | 12. performance _____ | 19. special effects _____ |
| 6. costumes _____ | 13. plot _____ | 20. stage _____ |
| 7. critic _____ | 14. rehearsal _____ | 21. subtitles _____ |

4) Listen to two people talking about whether they prefer going to the cinema or the theatre. Which does each one prefer, and why?

a. The girl prefers going to the _____ because

b. The man prefers going to the _____ because

5) Listen to two people each talking about a film they have enjoyed. Underline the adjectives. Listen again if you need to.



Brilliant – confusing – convincing – delightful – dramatic – dull –
fascinating – gripping – imaginative – irritating – lively – memorable –
memorable – moving – outstanding – predictable – stunning – superb –
tedious – uninspired

| Speaker One | Speaker Two |
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