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Read this article about young people and TV. For questions 1–10, choose from the people A–D. The people may be chosen more than once.

Which teenager(s):

doesn't say what type of programme they like? (1) _____

complains about what TV channels show? (2) _____ (3) _____

likes to see a particular type of programme with their family? (4) _____ (5) _____

doesn't usually watch live TV? (6) _____

mentions the days they usually watch TV? (7) _____

compares channels? (8) _____

likes watching factual programmes? (9) _____ (10) _____

Teenage TV habits

We asked four teenagers about their viewing habits. Here's what they had to say.

A Harry

I really don't watch much TV at all, apart from sport – mostly football and basketball. I'm not interested in most of the stuff my family likes to watch. I usually watch films that I download from the internet for free. I hate watching films on TV because a normal one and a half hour long film can take twice as long due to all the adverts and news breaks, especially on a Saturday. I don't know why they often cut a film in half for the news. You lose the story and the drama. It's not so bad if you watch the state channels – there are far fewer advertising breaks there, but they usually show old films that I'm not interested in.

B Mila

Actually during the week I don't see much. I have after-school activities most evenings and of course there's always homework to do. I may see a bit of TV with my family before I go to bed if there's something not too serious on. The trouble is most channels seem to put the news or current events programmes on later in the evening and I don't want to watch a lot of talking heads arguing with each other. At weekends I like watching entertainment shows – that's when things like talent competitions are on and I always watch some sitcoms on a Sunday afternoon. It's something that brings the whole family together and you have a laugh.

C Penelope

I have a TV in my room, so I can watch whatever I want when I want. Perhaps you think that's not right and my parents shouldn't allow this because I might be tempted to have it on all the time and not study. Well, when I say TV, I mean my computer. You don't need a TV now as you can watch programmes over the internet and that's what I do, but I hardly watch anything live except the news. I look at the menu from different channels about what has been on and just choose what I want to see. But I am strict with myself. I always do my homework first. At least, that's what I tell my parents.

D Jodi

I have a big family – there are seven of us in the house – three generations and one TV, so there are often fights over what to watch. You can't expect my gran to want to see the same thing as me all the time. The one type of programme we do all like though is nature documentaries. I find them fascinating, so if that's what's on, I'll go down and watch it with them. Otherwise, I'm mostly watching films on my computer. I often invite a friend round and sometimes my sister watches them with me. My mum is worried that I spend too much time looking at screens, but I tell her that watching foreign films is good for my English – and it definitely is!

