

## REVISION UNIT 7

### Vocabulary and grammar

1 What do these extreme adjectives mean? Write the base adjectives with similar meanings. First letters are given. ( \_\_\_ / 10)

- 1 awful = very b.....
- 2 fascinating = very i.....
- 3 identical = very s.....
- 4 amazing = very g.....
- 5 ridiculous = very s.....
- 6 brilliant = very t.....
- 7 essential = very i.....
- 8 hilarious = very f.....
- 9 impossible = very d.....
- 10 gorgeous = very b.....

2 Choose the correct modifier. ( \_\_\_ / 5)

- 1 I loved Ben Stiller's latest comedy. Some of the scenes were **very / absolutely** hilarious.
- 2 Danny is a good actor. He's **quite / absolutely** talented.
- 3 Her new album is **very / absolutely** awful.
- 4 I didn't like that new thriller we saw last night. It was **rather / absolutely** violent.
- 5 This film about Charlie Chaplin is **extremely / absolutely** interesting.

3 Complete the second sentence with one word so that it has the same meaning as the first. First letters are given. ( \_\_\_ / 5)

- 1 How many people watched the final episode? How many v..... did the first episode of the show have?
- 2 Who is competing in this year's Big Brother? Who are the c..... in this year's Big Brother?
- 3 Jody is practising for tonight's show. Jody is in a r..... for tonight's show.
- 4 Will the concert be transmitted live? Will the concert be b..... live?
- 5 Has the group of judges chosen the winner yet? Has the p..... of judges chosen the winner yet?

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. ( \_\_\_ / 5)

- 1 The latest ..... (edit) of Q magazine has a picture of Ed Sheeran on the cover.
- 2 Tim ..... (produce) reality and talent shows.
- 3 There's always a lot of ..... (compete) for parts in any new film.
- 4 She used to be a singer, but now she ..... (present) a new music programme.
- 5 Josh can sing, dance and act – he's a very talented ..... (entertain).

5 Complete each sentence with one word. ( \_\_\_ / 5)

- 1 Betty was very surprised when Ivan told ..... that she was the winner.
- 2 The couple explained to the press that they ..... going to move to a bigger house in Hollywood.
- 3 Angie claimed that she ..... never been to the USA before.
- 4 Ann suggested organising a party the ..... weekend as she had no other plans.
- 5 Patrick said that he ..... play the trumpet well. Then he added he was a talented guitarist, too.

6 Complete the reported questions and imperatives. ( \_\_\_ / 5)

- 1 'What are you going to wear to the party this evening?' Diane asked her.  
Diana asked her ..... to wear to the party that evening.
- 2 'Please, don't be late tomorrow,' Liam told him.  
Liam told him ..... the following day.
- 3 'Have you worked with this director before?' I asked him.  
I asked him whether ..... director before.
- 4 'Where did you buy this DVD?' he asked me.  
He asked me where ..... DVD.
- 5 'Helen, don't forget your appointment next week,' Mr Jones said.  
Mr Jones told Helen. .... the following week.

## Reading

### The future of television

#### A

Television has changed a lot since the days when there were only two or three channels to choose from. People were happy with that because there was nothing else but, with the introduction of videos and later, the Internet, television needed to offer something better. At first, this was done by satellite or cable companies offering hundreds of channels for a monthly fee. Unfortunately, many of these were poorly made and often more time was spent changing channels trying to find something interesting to watch than actually watching something.

#### B

So, what does the future hold for television? Firstly, more and more people are now buying smart TVs which are linked to the Internet. This will allow a number of new ideas to be introduced. One idea is for the television to remember what you have watched and, when you next switch on, it will tell you about programmes that you might be interested in. We will also be able to link our televisions to our friends' televisions and find out what they are watching so we can watch the same.

#### C

This idea, though, still assumes that television will work as it does now, with programmes appearing at a certain time each week. Many companies offer a catch up service where you can watch programmes from the previous week that you have missed. But do we need to miss programmes at all? There are now online television providers who allow you to watch what you like, when you like. You can watch a whole series in one night. This is great for people who hate waiting to find out what is going to happen next.

#### D

A big advantage of not having specific times for programmes is that no-one can complain that 'there's nothing worth watching this evening'. Just because some of the programmes aren't for you, it doesn't prevent you from watching what you want. This means that television companies can show programmes for everyone, from popular series to documentaries that only a handful of people will be interested in. So, there will always be something to watch, whoever you are.

#### E

One big problem faced by all television channels is the rise of so many free video channels on the Internet. Why should people pay to watch television when they can spend their evenings watching almost anything for free? This means that, if the service is too expensive, no-one will sign up for it. Of course, if it is too cheap, the company won't be able to afford to buy or make enough programmes. It is, perhaps, a bigger problem for television companies than keeping up with the latest technological advances.

**1 Read the text and match the headings (1–5) to the correct paragraphs (A–E). (\_\_\_ / 5)**

- 1 A television that gets to know you
- 2 The importance of price
- 3 Good for those with minority tastes
- 4 Watch your favourite programmes any time
- 5 Lots of programmes – nothing worth watching

**2 Match the words (1–5) with their meanings or synonyms (a–e): (\_\_\_ / 5)**

- 1 fee (paragraph A) .....
- 2 actually (paragraph A) .....
- 3 whole (paragraph C) .....
- 4 handful (paragraph D) .....
- 5 sign up (paragraph E) .....

- a) entire
- b) very small amount
- c) put your name on a list
- d) payment for a service
- e) really

**3 Complete the summary with information from the text. (\_\_\_ / 5)**

Technology <sup>1</sup>..... how we watch television. Intelligent TVs can now  
<sup>2</sup>..... interesting programmes for us to watch, any time we like.  
As a result, we know there will always be something worth <sup>3</sup>.....  
The problem for <sup>4</sup>..... is how to provide these services at  
<sup>5</sup>.....