

Television viewing habits

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According to a recent ¹ survey carried out by the Girl Scout Research Institute, reality TV shows may be having a negative effect on teenage girls' relationships and beliefs about the world. For example, 78% of those who watched them regularly believed that ² _____ is a normal part of a relationship between girls', as opposed to 54% of non-watchers. 50% of watchers also believed that the 'real-life' reality or 'reality' shows were unscripted, whereas in fact they are simply a kind of ³ _____. Girls who watch reality TV regularly are also more likely to believe that 'you have to lie to get what you want' or that 'being mean earns you more respect than being nice'. However, the picture is quite ⁴ _____, as the research also ⁵ _____ that watching reality shows can teach girls some useful life skills, open up lines of communication, and serve as learning and motivational tools. This might be most relevant for shows like *MasterChef* or other competition programmes. Equally, some of the situations which they saw on television ⁶ _____ them to start a conversation with their parents about some difficult or embarrassing topics.



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