

# 63 TV and online viewing

## A TV (Television) programmes

Channel 5	
7.00–7.30	early evening news with <b>newsreader</b> Gemma Matheson
7.30–8.00	<i>The Eldersons</i> – <b>soap opera</b>
8.00–9.00	<b>documentary</b> : <i>Where does all the rubbish go?</i>
9.00–10.00	<i>Having a Laugh</i> : <b>game show</b> with <b>host</b> Arlo Walsh
10.00–10.40	<b>episode</b> 1 of the new Icelandic <b>drama series</b> <i>The Blackwood Lake</i>
10.40–11.30	<b>talk show</b> with host Tanya Kaye and <b>guests</b>
11.30–1.20	film: <i>The Lost Continent</i>

### GLOSSARY

<b>channel</b>	a TV station
<b>newsreader</b>	a person who reads <b>the news</b> on TV, radio, etc.
<b>soap opera</b>	a story about the lives of a group of people that is on TV or radio every day or several times a week: ALSO <b>soap</b> : I don't watch <b>soaps</b> .
<b>documentary</b>	a film or TV programme that gives facts about sth
<b>game show</b>	a TV programme in which people play games or answer questions to win prizes
<b>host</b>	a person who introduces a TV or radio programme, and talks to guests
<b>episode</b>	one part of a TV or radio story that is shown or told in different parts
<b>drama series</b>	a number of programmes on TV or radio which have the same main characters and each tell a complete story
<b>talk show</b>	a TV programme where famous people are invited to talk about themselves SYN <b>chat show</b>
<b>guest</b>	a person who is invited to a special event, e.g. a talk show, a party

### 1 Find the end of each word or compound noun.

drama / channel talk show documentary host guest soap opera series episode chat show

### 2 Match 1–5 with a–f.

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| ▶ special | c     | a opera   |
| 1 drama   | ..... | b Four    |
| 2 chat    | ..... | c guest ✓ |
| 3 news    | ..... | d series  |
| 4 soap    | ..... | e reader  |
| 5 Channel | ..... | f show    |

### 3 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ Most soap operas are on during the early evening.
- They're showing the first ..... of a new drama series tonight.
  - I don't like that ..... show where young women try to find boyfriends.
  - The thing is, ..... shows are only interesting if the ..... are interesting.
  - Which ..... is that new game show on? ~ ITV, I think.
  - I don't like ....., but my grandmother watches them every evening – never misses one.
  - There have been more female chat show ..... in the last fifteen years, which is good.
  - I loved that ..... series about the Swedish detective called Saga.
  - I saw a wonderful ..... about the strong social relationships that form between elephants.

### 4 ABOUT YOU What do you think of these programmes? Do you often watch them? Write your answers, or talk to another student.

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## B How do you watch TV?

According to a national report, the **youth** market, and particularly young people **aged** 16-24 years old, are watching **far less** TV on traditional **sets** than they were in 2010. Those still watching on TV sets are **typically** over 65. This is because there has been a **shift** to digital **viewing** (e.g. on YouTube), together with the rise of online services such as Netflix and Amazon.

The report **indicates** a growing difference in the **lifestyle** habits of younger and older **viewers**. **On top of** that, younger viewers are also more **critical** of the standard of traditional TV. They complained about the number of **repeats** and the lack of variety.

### SPOTLIGHT TV

**TV** (= television) can be countable or uncountable.

- I watch a lot of **TV**. The film is on **TV** tonight.
- There's a **TV set** in every room.

### GLOSSARY

<b>youth</b>	the part of your life when you are young: <i>I travelled a lot in my youth.</i>
<b>aged</b>	at the age mentioned: <i>two children, aged 5 and 7</i>
<b>far (less)</b>	very much (less) <b>OPP far (more)</b>
<b>typically</b>	in a way that shows the usual qualities or features of a particular person or thing
<b>shift</b>	a change in what people think about sth
<b>viewing</b>	watching. A person who watches TV is a <b>viewer</b> .
<b>indicate</b>	show that sth is true, exists, or will happen
<b>lifestyle</b>	the way that people live their lives
<b>on top of sth</b>	in addition to sth else; as well as sth else
<b>critical</b>	If you are <b>critical of sb or sth</b> , you say that they are wrong or bad in some way.
<b>repeat</b>	A <b>repeat</b> is a show that has already been on TV and is shown again.

### 5 Complete the common phrases in the sentences.

- ▶ What's on TV tonight?
- 1 He was very critical \_\_\_\_\_ the programme.
- 2 How many TV \_\_\_\_\_ do most families have?
- 3 Most people watch a lot of TV \_\_\_\_\_ their youth.
- 4 I watch \_\_\_\_\_ less TV than I used to.
- 5 It's a very old TV set and on \_\_\_\_\_ of that, it doesn't get many channels.

### 6 Rewrite the sentences using the word in capitals in their correct form. The meaning must stay the same.

- ▶ They've got a seven-year-old boy. AGED They've got a boy aged seven.
- 1 They've shown that programme before. REPEAT \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I didn't like the programme. In addition to that, I was too tired to finish watching it. TOP \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Young people usually prefer online viewing. TYPICAL \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Five million people watched that programme. VIEWERS \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I watched a lot of TV when I was young. YOUTH \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 There was a lot of criticism of the programme. CRITICAL \_\_\_\_\_

### 7 Complete the dialogues.

- ▶ Was the programme very long? ~ Yes, and on top of that, it was quite boring.
- 1 Didn't she like it? ~ No, she was very \_\_\_\_\_ of it.
- 2 Do people watch TV differently today? ~ Yes, there has been a \_\_\_\_\_ away from traditional to online viewing.
- 3 Why are younger and older viewers so different? ~ They just have a different \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Do the figures show a change? ~ Yes, they \_\_\_\_\_ a big change.
- 5 Were the children quite young? ~ I think they were \_\_\_\_\_ 10 and 12.
- 6 Do you watch TV online? ~ Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ more than I did a few years ago.



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