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The arts

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

A proverb

BBC



THE MUSKETEERS

11 Watch the BBC video.
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VOCABULARY

3.1

Watching habits • TV programmes
• adjectives • elements of a film/TV drama

*I can use language related to films,
film-making and TV.*

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Put the words and phrases in the box under an appropriate verb.

the telly Internet radio stations my favourite rock album
blogs on my laptop fashion magazines horror movies
music on my mobile e-books YouTube clips

Read

Watch

Listen to

blogs on my laptop

2 **SPEAKING** Think of three more words and phrases for each verb.
Which of them do you do? Tell your partner.

I read blogs on my laptop.

One episode is never enough

I have an embarrassing confession to make – I am a TV binge watcher! Of course I don't mean traditional TV programmes – **documentaries**, **chat shows**, **reality TV** and the old **soap operas** my grandmother likes to watch. They're boring. No – I mean the on-demand TV series that are so engaging and addictive.

When I was a teenager, before on-demand TV, I was a bookworm. I used to sit down with a gripping novel, and read chapter after chapter, sometimes a whole book in a day. Now, I'm twenty-seven and same with TV.



- 3 **SPEAKING** Complete the sentences to make them true for you. Then discuss your TV habits with a partner.

- 1 I usually watch TV with my family / on my own / ...
- 2 I watch most TV programmes live / on demand / ...
- 3 I usually watch TV programmes on my phone / the TV / ...
- 4 Each day I watch TV for around fifteen minutes / one hour / ...
- 5 I also watch other things such as YouTube clips / music videos / ...
- 6 My favourite TV programme at the moment is _____.

- 4 Read the text. What is a 'TV binge watcher'?

- 5 **SPEAKING** Discuss the questions.

- 1 Are you a TV binge watcher?
- 2 What's the longest single time you've ever spent watching TV?
- 3 What is the best TV series you've ever seen?

TV audiences are becoming more difficult to please, so TV channels are producing better dramas more quickly. The best drama series have complex plots and fascinating characters.

I just have to watch the next episode.

My greatest weakness?

I really like dramas that are funny and moving with brilliant acting.

But my absolute favourite type of series is **fantasy** or **science fiction**. I love the imaginative costumes and amazing special effects. The series I watch on TV are excellent. I never go to the cinema these days.

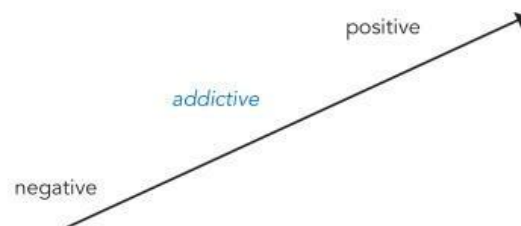


WORD STORE 3A TV programmes

- 6 **1.44** Complete WORD STORE 3A with the words in red from the text. Then listen, check and repeat.
- 7 **SPEAKING** Think of an example of each type of TV programme in WORD STORE 3A. Which programmes do you never/rarely/sometimes/often binge watch? Tell your partner.

WORD STORE 3B Adjectives

- 8 **1.45** Complete WORD STORE 3B with the underlined adjectives in the text. Add a translation. Then listen and repeat.
- 9 Put the adjectives from WORD STORE 3B on the line according to how positive or negative you think they are. Some can be both, depending on the context.



WORD STORE 3C Elements of a film/TV drama

- 10 **1.46** Complete WORD STORE 3C only with vowels. Use these definitions to help you. What is the mystery word? Listen, check and repeat.

- 1 artificially created images or sound in a drama
- 2 what actors do in a drama
- 3 clothes an actor wears
- 4 the events in the story of a drama
- 5 the written words of a drama
- 6 the main people in a drama
- 7 the place where or time when a drama happens
- 8 the music that is played during a drama
- 9 the way a drama finishes

- 11 **1.47** Listen to Lucy talking about her favourite TV series and write her answers. Then listen again and check.

- 1 What is your favourite TV series? _____
- 2 How or where do you watch it? _____
- 3 How many episodes have you watched? _____
- 4 What kind of series is it? _____
- 5 What is the setting? _____
- 6 What is the plot or main storyline? _____
- 7 What do you like most about it? _____

- 12 **SPEAKING** Discuss your favourite TV series using the questions in Exercise 11.