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## Television

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# THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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What do you think? Is television good or bad? I loved it when I was a kid. My eyes were glued to the TV screen for hours and hours. I watched cartoons and other kids' shows non-stop. It was good at the time, but maybe I should have been outside playing or doing something more useful. There's a lot of rubbish on TV. There are so many programmes that you watch just because you're too lazy to do something useful. A lot of people turn on the TV and sit in front of it all day or all night. What a waste of time! I think television programmes are getting worse. Reality TV and celebrity chat shows are the worst. The only good things on TV nowadays is the news, live sport and comedy shows. Plus an interesting documentary or two.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## CORRECT THE SPELLING

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# UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_

# STUDENT TELEVISION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about television in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.





## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about television. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about television. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. TELEVISION POSTER** Make a poster about television. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY TELEVISION LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on television. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on television. Share your findings with the class.

