

Young People and Television

Worksheet 1 A

Student A

Start reading the text aloud allowing time for your partner to write the missing words. Then listen carefully to your partner and write the words that are missing from your text.

(Text A)

Children's Television Viewing Habits in the UK

Parents and teachers throughout the country often express concern about

According to recent statistics, teenagers watch between 2.5 and 3.2 hours of television every day.

Peak viewing times for teenagers are between seven and nine o'clock.

_____, when the programmes are specifically aimed at children, the viewing figures are much lower.

_____ Boys watch more science fiction and sport.

_____. They are affected by the images they see and they find role models in their favourite programmes.

_____ which programmes are suitable or unsuitable.

Worksheet 1 B**Student B**

Start by listening carefully to your partner and writing the words that are missing. Then change roles and you read the next part of the text allowing time for your partner to complete the missing words.

(Text B)

Children's Television Viewing Habits in the UK

the amount of hours that children spend in front of the television.

_____ Many children watch television in the mornings over breakfast but most viewing takes place after school in the evenings.

They watch soap operas, music programmes and quiz shows. Between the hours of four and six,

Girls watch more drama series, documentaries and news programmes.

Television plays an important part in the lives of children.

What parents and their children have to consider is how much time should be spent watching television and

Worksheet 2
Television viewing habits questionnaire

	You	Your partner
1. Do you watch television every day?		
2. Have you got a television in your bedroom?		
3. Do you ever watch television before going to school?		
4. Do you think you watch too much television?		
5. Does anybody restrict your television viewing?		
6. Do you have a favourite television channel?		
7. Do you watch more television at the weekend?		
8. Do you watch educational programmes?		
9. Would you find it easy to stop watching TV for a week?		
10. Do you think children in your country watch too much TV?		

Worksheet 3

Here is your role card. The other students in your group must not see your card. Study the TV programme guide with your group. You are going to discuss the programmes and try to agree on what to watch. Remember you must take on the role on your card and forget about what you'd really like to watch!

Role card 1

You are a fifteen-year-old teenager. You like action films and sport programmes.

You don't mind factual programmes like the News or documentaries but you hate soap operas and romantic films. You like films that are violent. You think they are exciting.

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Role Card 2

You are a parent. You like anything that is funny. You don't like violence on TV.

You like all sport except football. You love music and documentaries. You prefer watching programmes that last less than an hour because you always have a lot of things to do.

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Role Card 3

You are a grandparent. You like to watch documentaries and soap operas.

You always fall asleep in films. You don't like sport very much but you like football. You like watching television programmes that make you laugh.

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Role card 4

You are a fourteen-year-old teenager. You love sport and all films. You hate documentaries and news programmes. You don't mind comedy programmes. You don't like soap operas unless they are about young people.