

# Television: for and against



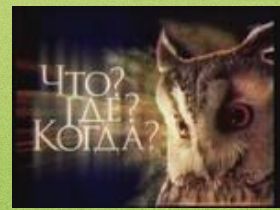
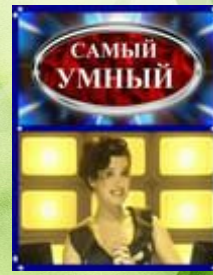
## Answer the questions:

- How often do you watch TV?
- When do you usually watch TV? .
- What TV channels are popular in Russia, in the UK, the USA?
- What are your favourite TV channels?



- What TV programmes do you like best?
- What TV programmes don't you like?
- Do you watch serious programmes?
- What are the most popular television programmes in our country?

Time Travels club The minute of glory What? Where? When?  
 The cleverest 6 shots The Maximum  
 Wonders field Galileo Health A hundred to one House 2  
 The big races Russian sensations Today  
 Dialogues about animals The big difference Projectorperishilton  
 While everybody's at home The special correspondent



# Guess the types of programmes:

1. Programmes that is broadcast several times a day which tells you about all the important events.
2. Film stories for children made by photographing a series of drawings.
3. TV stories about a group of people and their lives which is broadcast regularly for many years.
4. Situation comedies, a popular form of humorous TV having a number of standard characters who appear in different stories every week.
5. Films in which excitement and emotional appeal are the essential elements.
6. Programmes that gives you facts and information about a serious subject such as history, science or social problems.
7. Programmes showing animals, birds etc. in their natural surrounding (environment).
8. Programmes deal with systematic training and instruction of different subjects. With the help of these programmes one can get knowledge.
9. Programmes on which members of the audience are asked questions, in case of correct answer they receive prizes.

**documentaries**

**wild life programmes**

**thrillers**

**the news**

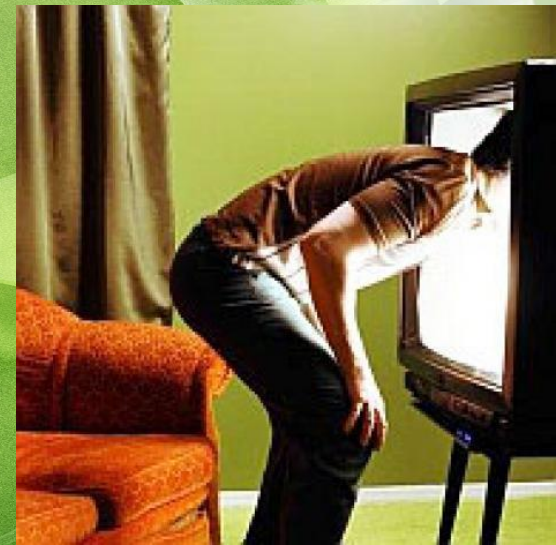
**sitcoms**

**soap operas**

**educational programmes**

**quiz programmes**

**cartoons**



Fill the missing word in:

- a) adults    b) understanding    c) cruel    d) criminal    e)  
influence    f) afraid    g) violent    h) dangerous    i) watching  
j) hours

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**encounter**– сталкиваться;

**a pro-social message** – социальное послание

**the reverse**– противоположное, обратное;

**worthwhile** – стоящий, стоить;

**require practice** – требует практики;

**become skillful**– стать умелым, опытным;

**caregivers**– сиделки, няни;

**on average**– в среднем;

**to access TV content**- иметь доступ к телевизионному  
меню;

**excessive TV viewing** –чрезмерный просмотр телевизора;

**contribute** – вносить, способствовать;

**poor grades** – плохие отметки;

**obesity** –тучность;

**target**– предназначаться, целиться .



## True or false

- Shows with a pro-social message cannot have a positive effect on kids' behavior.
- TV can affect kids' health, behavior and family life in negative ways.
- TV viewing starts earlier than other forms of media.
- Kids without a TV in their bedroom spend an average of almost 1.5 hours more per day watching TV than kids with a TV in the bedroom..
- Most children's programmes do not teach what parents say they want their children to learn.





## Find in the text the English for:

- 1) шанс путешествовать по миру;
- 2) положительные изменения в жизни;
- 3) замещает время потраченное на общение с нянями и другими детьми;
- 4) кабельное или спутниковое телевидение;
- 5) плохие отметки;
- 6) проблемы с поведением;
- 7) жестокое решение проблем;
- 8) десятки тысяч телевизионных реклам



## Answer the questions:

1. Does television have its bad side?
2. What are the advantages of television?
3. Who must think about the role of television in the family?
4. What can people do instead watching TV?
5. Do the children become TV addicted?
6. What can excessive TV viewing contribute to ?
7. Why do not some parents satisfy with TV programmes?
8. What can children see in tens of thousands of TV commercials?



For	Against

1. Apart from their entertainment value, they provide useful topics for conversations.
2. Television may be the cause of many conflicts in the family.
3. The TV viewers need do nothing: they make no choices, they're completely passive and don't even use their legs.
4. TV informs about current events and the latest developments in science and politics.
5. Television is the best means of communication.
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7. It encourages us to buy things that we don't need.
8. It helps to advertise the popularity of sports and arts.
9. For millions of people around the world, television is a source of companionship and helps them to cope with everyday life.
10. Television may do harm to our health.
11. It entertains us. It helps to relax.
12. Little by little television cuts us off from the real world.
13. It makes us aware of our global responsibilities.
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