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Level 4 – 30th July, 2019

Young people are not watching TV news

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Young people are watching less TV news. A regulatory broadcasting body in the UK said this is no surprise as young people are addicted to smartphones. They prefer YouTube videos and games to TV news. A newspaper reported that the young "are more likely to get their day's news about the world from social media or by reading graffiti in bus stations" than by watching TV. The average 16-24-year-old watches live TV news for just two minutes a day.

Research into the news-viewing habits of British people shows that youth are using social media as their news source. People are making more posts on Facebook and Twitter about the news compared to last year. The regulatory body said presenting news stories in a less complicated way might attract more young people to watch TV news. Some people suggested this would be "dumbing down content for young audiences".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A regulatory broadcasting | a. 16-24-year-old |
| 2. people are addicted | b. and games to TV |
| 3. They prefer YouTube videos | c. graffiti |
| 4. the young are more | d. two minutes a day |
| 5. get their day's news | e. to smartphones |
| 6. reading | f. body |
| 7. The average | g. about the world |
| 8. for just | h. likely |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Research into the news- | a. complicated way |
| 2. using social media as their | b. would be |
| 3. compared | c. viewing habits |
| 4. regulatory | d. for young audiences |
| 5. presenting news stories in a less | e. news source |
| 6. attract more young people to | f. body |
| 7. Some people suggested this | g. to last year |
| 8. dumbing down content | h. watch TV |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Young people are watching (1) _____. A regulatory broadcasting body in the UK said this (2) _____ as young people (3) _____ smartphones. They prefer YouTube videos and games to TV news. A newspaper reported that the young "are more likely to get their (4) _____ the world from social media or (5) _____ in bus stations" than by watching TV. The average 16-24-year-old watches live TV news (6) _____ minutes a day.

Research into the (7) _____ of British people shows that youth are using social media as (8) _____. People are making more posts on Facebook and Twitter about (9) _____ to last year. The regulatory body said presenting news stories (10) _____ complicated way might attract more young people to watch TV news. Some people (11) _____ be "dumbing down content (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TV NEWS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about TV news 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

