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Level 5 – 30th July, 2019

Young people are not watching TV news

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Young people in the UK are watching less news on television. This is according to a regulatory body that oversees broadcasting in the UK. This is no surprise as young people are increasingly addicted to their smartphones. They prefer YouTube videos, social media and games to TV news programmes. A British newspaper reported that: "The youth of the nation are more likely to get their day's news about the world from social media or by reading graffiti in bus stations than seeing it on the telly, with the average 16-24-year-old watching just two minutes' worth of live TV news per day."

Research into the news-viewing habits of British people was called "News Consumption in the UK: 2019". It shows that young people are mainly using social media as their news source. Researchers wrote that, "UK adults are consuming news more actively via social media". People are making more posts on Facebook and Twitter about the news compared to last year. The regulatory body said presenting TV news stories in a less complicated way might attract more young people. Some people suggested this would be "dumbing down content for young audiences".

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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190730-tv-news-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. This is according to | a. year-old |
| 2. This is no | b. to their smartphones |
| 3. people are increasingly addicted | c. about the world |
| 4. The youth | d. live TV news per day |
| 5. get their day's news | e. a regulatory body |
| 6. reading | f. of the nation |
| 7. the average 16-24- | g. surprise |
| 8. two minutes' worth of | h. graffiti |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Research into the news-viewing | a. source |
| 2. young people are mainly | b. people |
| 3. news | c. audiences |
| 4. adults are consuming news | d. on Facebook |
| 5. People are making more posts | e. complicated way |
| 6. in a less | f. habits |
| 7. attract more young | g. more actively |
| 8. dumbing down content for young | h. using social media |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Young people in the UK are watching (1) _____ television.

This is according to (2) _____ that oversees broadcasting in

the UK. This is no surprise as young people are increasingly

(3) _____ smartphones. They prefer YouTube videos, social

media and games to TV news programmes. A British newspaper reported

that: "The youth of the (4) _____ likely to get their day's

news about the world from social media or by (5) _____

bus stations than seeing it on the telly, with the average 16-24-year-old

watching just two minutes' (6) _____ TV news per day."

Research into the (7) _____ of British people was called

"News Consumption in the UK: 2019". It shows that young people are

mainly using social media as (8) _____. Researchers wrote

that, "UK adults are consuming news (9) _____ social

media". People are making more posts on Facebook and Twitter about the

news (10) _____ year. The regulatory body said presenting

TV news stories in a less complicated (11) _____ more

young people. Some people suggested this would

(12) _____ content for young audiences".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TV NEWS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190730-tv-news-4.html>

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) _____

