To watch out for

1. **Arrange the TV programs below according to your preferences.**

like to watch		not a big fan
cartoons series documentaries movies reality shows	sitcoms	talk shows sports programs soap operas

- What is the best TV show nowadays?
- Would you say you are a couch potato?
- Who in your family is?
- As a form of entertainment, which is better, TV or movies?

Listen to a dialog between Matt and Sarah and mark M for Matt, S for Sarah and N if neither of them.

a) (M) had a problem with the Internet.
b) (S) is not a big fan of golf.
c) (M) was watching a movie.
d) (N) is visiting a relative.
e) (S) is going out with a friend.

Considering what you heard, check what you think happened next.

(✓) Matt decided to go home.
(✓) Matt stayed and watched the movie.
(✓) Sarah invited Matt to come with her.
(✓) Sarah watched the movie with Matt.

Now listen to Matt and check your answer.

Just a minute. Hi, Matt. What's up?
I need a favor. Can I watch something on your TV? My internet went out and I can't wait to see the end of the movie. I called the cable company and they're sending a guy, but only tomorrow.
This is your lucky day. Dad usually watches those boring golf competitions on Sunday, but he and Mom went to visit Aunt May. So the TV is all yours.
Great.
And I have just baked some cookies.
I know. They smell delicious.
I'll get some for you and then I'll leave you with your movie.
I can start from the beginning again so you can watch it too.
Thank you for the invitation, but I have other plans.
Jess? Is that the girl with the long red hair?
No. That's Jose, Jess' guy. We met at the volunteer program last month.
A guy, huh? So it's a date.
No. We're just friends.
If you say so. Anyways, if you're going out, I can't stay here.
Of course you can. Don't be silly. When you finish, just lock the door and leave the key in the usual place.

At first I thought it was not right to stay there alone, but Sarah insisted, and I really wanted to know how the movie ended. It was quite disappointing, actually. But the cookies Sarah baked were great. That girl can cook. And since I was there, I decided to watch the first episode of a series a friend recommended. Then I watched the second. The third, I realized it was late only when Mr. And Mrs. Warner arrived and asked me if I wanted to have dinner with them. It was one of the most embarrassing moments of my life.

Complete the questions and then take turns asking and answering them.

Did you know that...

- ...*The Flash* is a ___spin-off___ of *Arrow*?
- ...the most watched TV episode is the series ___season___ of *M*A*S*H* (1983)?
- ...the ___prime time___ on TV is from 8 to 11 p.m.?
- ...the most expensive TV ___commercial___ cost 33 million dollars?
- ...TV networks cancel more than 60% of new series after one ___finale___?

What kind of viewer are you? Check what applies to you.

- ( ) I zap through channels until I find something interesting.
- ( ) I get irritated when they interrupt the program I am watching to broadcast a breaking news event live.
- ( ) I can watch TV for hours without getting tired.
- ( ) I enjoy watching reruns of my favorite series.
- ( ) I leave the TV on while I'm cooking or cleaning.

GOT TALENT?

In recent years, talent shows have become very popular with millions of viewers per episode. Each season, they attract thousands of ordinary people in search of a chance in the music industry. However, only a few get past the auditions and come to perform on TV and face the judges, who can sometimes be unnecessarily cruel. It is a long and stressful journey, and winning does not always guarantee a successful career. So is it worth trying? Susan Boyle, *competed in Britain's Got Talent* 2009, would certainly say yes. Her dream was to be a singer, but the odds were all against her. First of all, Susan was 47 years old. She spent most of her time alone at home in a quiet Scottish village with a cat for company. She lacked style, looks, and stage presence, but she had an exceptional talent. When this quiet woman started singing in her first audition on TV, she hypnotized the entire nation. Instant global fame was, no doubt, difficult to deal with, but without her performance in the show, her dream would still be just a dream. These shows may not be perfect, but they give people a chance to make their dreams come true.

lack = faltar
stage = palco

Choose the correct alternatives.

1 What kind of impression does the text present about talent shows?
(✓) mostly positive
( ) mostly negative

2 Which alternative gives a better definition of *runner-up* on line 8?
(✓) The person finishing a competition in second place.
( ) A person taking part in a race.

3 On line 10, what word could replace *odds*?
( ) people
(✓) chances

4 What impressed the judges and the audience?
( ) Susan's appearance and personality.
(✓) Her voice and the ability to use it.

5 What does the text suggest?
(✓) Good looks and style usually have a positive influence on the results.
( ) Shy people had better not be in the show.

Verbal combinations with ON and OFF

A: It was a long day. I'm exhausted.

B: Me too. I just want to go home, take off my SHOES, turn on the TV and watch my SERIES.

> Verbal Combinations – ON and OFF

ON in contact, connected	OFF not in contact, disconnected
get on the bus	get off the train
put on your jacket	take off your shoes
turn on the lamp	turn off the lamp

ON continuation
The show must go on.
Read on to find out what happened.

move on — go on = continuar

A. Circle the alternative that is true for you.

1 What do you do when the TV show you are watching is boring?
a) I keep on watching it to the end.
b) I turn off the TV.
c) I move on to another channel.

2 What is the first thing you do when you arrive home?
a) I take off my shoes.
b) I turn on the TV or computer.
c) I put on more comfortable clothes.

3 What do you do when you drop ketchup on your clothes?
a) I try to wash it off immediately.
b) I let it dry off.
c) I curse.

4 Have you ever fallen off a chair or a bike?
a) No, never.
b) I've fallen off a chair, but not a bike.
c) I've fallen off a bike, but not a chair.
d) both

Student A	Student B
• What made you decide to put on these clothes today? • Have you ever gotten off the bus or train at the wrong stop or station? What did you do? • How often do you forget to switch off the lights when you leave your home?	• Which is worse, to put on a jacket when it is hot or to take it off when it's cold? • Have you ever started watching a series and then watched it on all night long? Which series was it? • When was the last time you turned on the radio to listen to music?

When do you feel like going to the beach?
I feel like going to the beach on my vacation.

A In your experience

Feel like + want

feel like + ing

Combine the words in the boxes to make questions and ask them to your partner.

What / Where / When

- ~~eat while watching TV~~
- ~~do on rainy days~~
- ~~TV shows / watch~~
- go / next vacation
- do different things
- study / work

Ex.: A: Where do you feel like going on your next vacation?
B: I feel like going to a calm place.
A: Really? Why is that?
B: I'm stressed and I need to relax.
A: ...

what do you feel like eating while watching TV?
What TV shows do you feel like watching? I feel like watching Action Movies.
What do you feel like doing on rainy days. I feel like watching movies. / Sleeping.
Where do you feel like going on your next vacation?

a. **Listen to Lee talking about somebody who is important to him. Underline the answers he gives.**

1. 'What's this person's name?' **'John Carter / Carl Daniels.'**
2. b) 'When did you meet him?' **'At college / When we were five years old.'**
3. c) 'Where does he live?' **'Near San Diego / In Los Angeles.'**
4. d) 'What does he do?' **'He's a teacher / a doctor.'**
5. e) 'How often do you see him?' **'Every weekend / In the summer.'**
6. f) 'Why is he important to you?' **'We have the same interests / He knows me so well.'**
7. g) 'What are his best qualities?' **'He's a really good listener / He's very funny.'**
8. h) 'Is there anything you don't like about him?' **'He's always late / too busy.'** He has a hard time having a good sense of humor.
9. i) 'When did you last see him?' **'On my birthday / Last weekend.'**

a. **You're going to talk about a person who is important to you.**

- Ask yourself the questions in Exercise 1.
- Think about *what* to say and *how* to say it.
- Talk about a person who is important to you.