

Dialogue “CHOOSING A TV PROGRAMME”

You want to watch TV together. You have to decide what programme to choose. You can choose from:

- a documentary
- the news
- a fantasy/science fiction/horror film
- a comedy
- police drama
- a cartoon
- a talk/game/reality show/talent show
- a cooking programme
- a sports programme
- a concert

For	Against
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● interesting, exciting - we can have a lot of fun● educational - we can use information for our school project● informative - we can learn something new● funny - we can laugh a lot● thrilling - it will give us strong emotions● thought-provoking - it deals with important problems, make us think about important things● it will give us positive emotions● it will help us relax/forget about problems● it is full of adventure/action/special effects● the themes of these programmes are usually fascinating● very famous actors star in the film● the presenter of the programme is great● the music/costumes are fantastic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● boring, dull - I find it a waste of time, I'm afraid we can fall asleep during the programme● the plot is usually predictable● the themes of these programmes are usually common/disappointing● the dialogues are very silly● these programmes are just for kids/our grandparents● I'm not interested in this theme● it is full of violence/terror/blood● it can be too scaring for me, I won't sleep well at night● it is too long - we don't have much time● I've recently watched this programme and I can't say it was enjoyable● the presenter is awful, his jokes are silly

Example: You can choose from a game show, a cartoon and a documentary

- I say, ... the weather is nasty, why don't we stay in and watch TV together.
- OK, what's on?
- I don't know. Give me a TV guide, please.
- Here you are!
- Thank you! Let me see... Oh, how about a cartoon. Cartoons are usually funny and we can have a lot of fun.
- I don't think it's a good idea. Cartoons are just for kids.
- I can't agree with you. Some cartoons deal with very important problems such as honesty, kindness and friendship.

- You've got a point here, but I'd like to watch something more serious. Why don't we watch a documentary about space exploration. It will be very educational.
- Sorry, but I'm not very interested in space. It's not for me really.
- You know, we can use information from this documentary in our school project.
- It will be difficult to watch the programme and make notes. I prefer getting information from the Internet or from books.
- OK, what do you suggest then?
- What about a game show? The presenter is great!
- Great idea! We can try to answer the questions ourselves and test our knowledge.
- You're right and we'll learn something new and useful for our studies.
- I totally agree with you! And the theme is fascinating. I suppose we'll enjoy the programme.
- Great! Let's watch this game show!