

'The box' is another way of saying 'television' or 'TV'. In this short film, the TV is the main focus, in more ways than one! Watch it to find out more.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the short film and do the exercises to check your understanding.



Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... to drop something | a. the most expensive in a group of similar products |
| 2..... to put something down | b. a shortened, informal way to say 'Goodnight' |
| 3..... top of the range | c. to let something fall to the ground |
| 4..... I'm on it | d. to put food items on shelves in a supermarket |
| 5..... night | e. an academic qualification given by universities |
| 6..... to taste | f. to put something you are holding on a table or the floor |
| 7..... a degree | g. an informal expression to say 'I'm doing it' |
| 8..... to stack shelves | h. to have a particular flavour |

1. Check your understanding: reordering

Write a number (1-10) to put these sentences in order.

- The family builds a table
- Dad gets a job as a banana.
- Jamie is watching the telly late at night when Dad gets home.
- Mum is reading letters while Jamie complains about his snack.
- Dad can't find a job, but helps Jamie with his homework.
- The family buys a new television.
- Mum and Dad are arguing while Jamie is playing a video game.
- Mum and Dad look at all the bills.
- Dad comes home because he's lost his job.
- Jamie watches the telly with his friends.

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer.

1. The television is ...
 - a. second-hand.
 - b. the best money can buy.
 - c. broken.
2. Jamie wears a mask while he is watching a ...
 - a. reality show.
 - b. horror film.
 - c. documentary.
3. Jamie complains about his snack because it's ...
 - a. too small.
 - b. not the right brand.
 - c. a different flavour.
4. Mum and Dad argue because ...
 - a. they have both been working hard and are tired.
 - b. Mum is bored at home with nothing to do.
 - c. they haven't got enough money.
5. When Dad comes home after losing his job ...
 - a. Mum doesn't stop ironing.
 - b. Jamie doesn't stop watching the telly.
 - c. Jamie turns the telly off.
6. Mum doesn't help Jamie with his homework because ...
 - a. Jamie asks Dad to help.
 - b. Dad offers to help.
 - c. she's got lots of things to do.
7. What does Jamie watch with two friends?
 - a. A science-fiction film
 - b. A comedy
 - c. A musical
8. While Mum and Dad are looking at the bills Mum ...
 - a. cries.
 - b. spills her drink.
 - c. uses a calculator.
9. Dad gets a job as a banana which ...
 - a. he loves.
 - b. Mum and Jamie think is funny.
 - c. he keeps for a long time.

Discussion

How important is the television in your house?

How many hours a week do you watch the box?