

Lesson 43

This show is very predictable.

Target: Having a conversation about TV shows.

Vocabulary

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TV shows



Related vocabulary

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| - an episode / a season | - a pilot | - to syndicate... / broadcast.. / to air... |
| - to pick up where... | - a flash back | - to narrate... |
| - in the last episode | - a cliffhanger | - to be predictable |
| - to leave... hanging | - to be hysterical | - studio audience |
| - to follow a formula | - to stream... online | - to be on... |
| - the plot revolves around... | - to premier / to debut | - to cut to commercial |
| - a season finale / premiere | - to come out on DVD | - a premise |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

1. What TV shows do you watch now? What shows did you use to watch as a kid?
2. What shows do you know that fall into the following categories: sports, sitcom, documentaries, soaps, cartoons, kids, drama, makeover, news, cooking, reality TV, animal, gardening, DIY, lifestyle, talk show, game show, shopping, music, travel?
3. What TV shows do you like to stream online?
4. Does free-to-air TV or cable TV have better shows? Why?
5. What TV show has left you hanging multiple times?
6. Would you ever like to be in the studio audience? Why?
7. What are some American shows that are syndicated overseas and vice versa?
8. Do you sometimes purchase TV shows when they come out on DVD?

Partner #2: Questions

1. What TV show had a really good season premiere / finale?
2. What's the premise of your favorite show?
3. What comedies do you think are hysterical?
4. Do you like shows that follow a set formula and are quite predictable?
5. What channel is your favorite show on? What time is it on?
6. What does the plot of your favorite TV show revolve around?
7. Who stars in your favorite TV show? What's the cast like?
8. What do you know about the following shows: The Simpsons, Dexter, Castle, Firefly, The Big Bang Theory, Two and a half men, Fringe, The Walking Dead, The Office, New Girl, South Park, House, How I Met Your Mother, Game of Thrones, Family Guy, Bones, Supernatural, Archer, Breaking Bad, NCIS, Grey's Anatomy?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

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| 1. Role play: | Partner #1: You don't know what to watch on TV tonight.
Partner #2: Scroll through the program guide and decide what to watch. |
| 2. Speech: | Describe how Japanese TV shows compare to Western TV shows. |
| 3. Speech: | Tell the class about your favorite TV show in as much detail as possible. |
| 4. Debate: | You think watching TV is a waste of time, but your partner doesn't agree. |