

**1. Choose correct words in these groups of words.**

- a) Video on COMMAND/REQUEST/DEMAND - a system for watching films or recorded programmes on the internet or TV at any time (AKA streaming)
- b) CAPTIONS/CREDITS/CREDENTIALS - a list of people involved in making a film or TV programme that is shown at the end or beginning of it
- c) HIGH TIME/PRIME TIME/APEX TIME - the time when the largest number of people are watching TV or listening to the radio
- d) a RERUN/REPLAY/RETAKE - a programme that is being shown on TV again
- e) to ZAP/ZIP/ZIG - to change the channel you are watching on TV using a remote control
- f) to AIR/VOICE/DISPLAY - to broadcast something on the radio or TV
- g) a WORSHIPER/PRESCRIBER/SUBSCRIBER - someone who pays money in order to receive something regularly
- h) COMMS/COMMERCIALS/COMMERCES - advertisements on TV or the radio

**2. Complete questions with correct words from ex. 1. Next, discuss these questions in pairs.**

- If you've missed a film on TV, do you ever try and catch a .....
- When you watch TV, do you tend to ..... between channels because of the commercial break?
- Are you a ..... to any video on ..... services? If yes, was it the absence of ..... that convinced you to use such services?
- Do you like the idea that platforms as Netflix ..... all episodes of some TV series at once?

**3. Read the sentences and figure out what binge watching means, and create a sentence with it.**

*to binge (on sth)* - to do something in a way that is extreme and not controlled

- Heavy and regular **binge drinking** during adolescence is associated with an increased risk of alcoholism.
- **Binge eating** often leads to weight gain and obesity, which only reinforces compulsive eating.

Your sentence: .....

**4. What do you think? Read statistics and choose your answers: a, b or c.**

1. Half of television viewers have binge watched ..... hours of a TV show in one go.
  - a. 6
  - b. 7
  - c. 8
2. .... of binge watchers have sacrificed sleep to continue watching a TV show.
  - a. 28%
  - b. 58%
  - c. 80%
3. One in ..... British workers admits to call in sick to stay at home and binge watch TV shows.
  - a. five
  - b. seven
  - c. ten
4. Nearly ..... of us have lied about watching a series because other people were talking about it.
  - a. 1/2
  - b. 1/3
  - c. 1/4

**5. Discuss the questions.**

- Are you surprised by these statistics?
- Do you ever binge watch? How many hours do you binge watch in one go?
- Have you ever sacrificed sleep to continue watching your favourite TV series?
- Have you ever called in sick or cancelled social plans in order to watch a show?
- Would you ever lie about watching a series if your friends talked about it?



**6. Watch the first part [0:00-2:34] of the [video](http://bit.ly/Bingeing) [http://bit.ly/Bingeing] and answer the questions.**

- a) What does Netflix do to encourage binge watching?

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**Let's binge watch it together!**

b) Why are people embarrassed by binge watching?  
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c) What is special about such TV series as *Big Little Lies*?  
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**7. Watch the second part of the [video](#) [2:34 – 5:02] and fill in the sentences below with 1 to 3 words.**

- a) In the very emotional episode *Splat of Sex and The City*, one of the characters ..... of a window.
- b) Binge watching activates your brain so watching dramatic events in the evening won't be good for your .....
- c) *Orange is the New Black* with the cast ..... wouldn't work so well if it were broadcast on traditional TV.
- d) Bingeing is a word with a ..... meaning.

**8. Sentences below include the language used in the video. Decide what the phrases in bold mean.**

A. Netflix realized that a lot of people **gravitate towards** watching a lot of episodes in one go and started releasing the whole series at once.

have a natural tendency for                      **OR**                      be addicted to

B. The Netflix feature which immediately loads the next episode is there to **nudge** you to watch more and more.

encourage gently                      **OR**                      force to do something

C. She shops **in bulk** to minimize packaging and takes the bus whenever possible.

buy in large shops                      **OR**                      buy in large amounts

D. I sometimes **get sucked into** watching a show for three hours without even noticing.

become very involved in something

**OR**

be tricked to do something

E. Even the minor characters in these TV shows come with their own **story arcs** when you have several seasons.

a story very important for the whole plot

**OR**

a complete story in a film/book

F. It is very difficult to **discriminate between** the concepts of irony, satire, and parody.

differentiate

**OR**

select from a group

**DEBATE**

**9. Choose one of the topics below and in pairs prepare a list of arguments for one side. Next, in groups of four defend your point of view and exchange arguments. When you're done – choose another topic and have another short debate.**

Releasing a whole TV series season at once	<b>OR</b>	Releasing episodes of TV series once a week
Watching movies via a streaming service at home	<b>OR</b>	Watching movies in the cinema
Watching only cable TV with dozens of channels	<b>OR</b>	Using a streaming service and not watching traditional TV at all
Watching too much TV destroys social interaction	<b>OR</b>	Watching TV series helps to create social interactions