

Vocabulary/ Expressions	
Couch potato	(n) a person who spends little or no time exercising and a great deal of time watching television.
Genre	(n) a category of artistic composition, as in music or literature, characterized by similarities in form, style, or subject matter.
Commercials/Informercials	(n) Radio and Television. a paid advertisement or promotional announcement.
Network	(n) a company or organization that provides programs to be broadcast over these stations:
Prime time	(n) Prime time or peak time is the block of broadcast programming taking place during the middle of the evening for television programming.
Dub	(v) to add (music, speech, etc.) to a film or tape recording (often followed by in).
Subtitle	(n) words that appear on the screen during a movie, video, or television show and that are translations of what the actors are saying – usually plural
Feature film	(n) a film with a running time long enough to be considered the principal or sole film to fill a program.
To be in the limelight	(idiom) to receive attention and interest from the public
To steal the show	(idiom) attract the most attention and praise.

## PART 1 QUESTIONS

*Here are possible questions that might come up during the test. Go over them with your tutor.*

### Topic

- Do you often watch TV?
- What sorts of things do you watch on TV?
- What is your favourite TV program?
- Do you ever watch foreign programs or films?
- What did you watch on TV when you were a child?

## PART 2&3 QUESTIONS

Here are possible questions that might come up during the test. Go over them with your tutor.

### Sample A

#### Part 2 Questions

- Describe a piece of (electrical or electronic) equipment in your home. You should say:
  - What it is
  - How often you use it
  - Who you usually use it with
  - And explain why this item is important to you

#### Part 3 Questions

- How popular is watching television in your country?
- Tell me about the types of programme that are generally on television in your country.

## SAMPLE ANSWERS

Here are some sample answers. Go over them with your tutor.

### Part 1 Questions

- **Do you like watching TV?**
  - I don't get time really to watch TV and I don't like the fact that you have no choice about what to watch, so no I would say I don't really like watching normal TV, I much prefer streaming something on my iPad and watching it when I like.
- **How often do you watch TV?**
  - I'd say maybe only a few times a month when there is a good football match on. I prefer watching football on TV with other people around because it's a great atmosphere, but if it's a normal TV show I will just watch it alone at home on my tablet.
- **What kind of TV programs do you like to watch?**
  - I like dramas and thrillers. I don't really like anything that is not set in the real world, so I'm not a big fan of sci-fi or fantasy, although I have been getting in to the latest season of Game of Thrones. I also really like to watch documentaries about military history, especially anything to do with the Second World War.



## PART 2&3 ANSWERS

Here are some sample answers. Go over them with your tutor.

### Sample A

#### Part 2 Questions

- Describe a piece of electronic equipment that you find useful. You should say:
  - what it is
  - how you learned to use it
  - how long you have had it
  - and explain why you find this piece of electronic equipment useful.

Science has made human life comfortable. With the advancement of age, we have started reaping the benefits of the past inventions and discovered technology, and marching towards an advanced and digitized world. Thereby, we are surrounded by electronic equipment almost everywhere regardless of home or working stations.

I have a desktop computer at my home with the latest configuration. It is the most important and valuable thing for me when I am at home. It helps me in different ways. When I get back home from work, I play songs on the computer. Sometimes I and my wife watch thrilling movies too on the computer. It has become an essential part of my life. I also use the electronic equipment for many other purposes and use the sophisticated applications made for various purposes. Mostly I play different video games on the computer during my holidays and my wife uses it for editing photographs. It is truly useful equipment for me and my family.

But learning to run the applications were not so easy for me as it is today. Now I can perform some extraordinary tasks with the computer. I can edit photos using photo editing software, write anything on the word writing applications like Ms Word, make presentations for my office using PowerPoint, analyze numerous data using data analysis software and more others tasks. I took admission at a training school where I mastered the skills. Now I am also able to edit photos or create images and give them shapes after needs with the editing applications. All I learnt from the training school and took a six-month training there. In the beginning, I made silly mistakes to run the applications but now I am highly skilled in running those and even I do not need to check the keyboard if I am pressing the right key.

I had to buy the computer for my wife in 2014 as she is a wildlife photographer, captures still picture of the animals and needs to edit those before submitting to different agencies. Although she has a small laptop, she is uncomfortable to work with the equipment and thus I had to buy the computer. The computer owns a higher configuration and allows running almost all the heavy, available and complicated applications. It works at an unimaginable speed. Moreover, after having the computer, I have learnt its use which I was ignorant before. By the span of a year, I have turned into an expert.

The computer is greatly helpful for me and my wife as well. Both of us use the electronic equipment to meet our daily needs. Most of the time of the day, my wife uses the machine to edit her captured wildlife images from different parts of the earth. Besides, I make logical and beautiful presentations to be presented before my office while taking any important decisions. Thereby, I am highly beneficial by the applications. Sometimes I am assigned from the office to design some logos or banners over specific events to be printed, I make them at home which has a great role in my career development. Moreover, this is the age of communication and I browse social networking websites using the computer to reach my other family members or friends. I prefer computer rather than cellular phones to browse the internet. The large screen is really enjoying.

### Part 3 Questions

- **How popular is watching television in your country?**
  - That's an interesting question. I would say there are many popular tv programs, but people just don't watch it on television. At least the young generation either watch the TV shows on their mobile phones or they use streaming services like Netflix. So I think TV programs are still high in demand, but people are watching them on different devices other than television.
- **Tell me about the types of programme that are generally on television in your country.**
  - In my opinion, there are three types of programmes on television. The first one is drama. There are many popular shows that became so famous that we began to export the contents to other countries. The second one is funny shows. They may include the typical talk show or comedy skits, like SNL, but I think there are a lot more different types of comedy shows in my country. Sometime people on the show play games, or sometimes they compete in a music competition. The last but not least would be the serious kind, like news or documentaries.