



04 - VOCABULARY: A LIST OF PHRASES FOR TV SHOWS



Prime Time: This is the time on TV, from about 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, that the most amount of people are watching television. This is when television stations put on their best shows

Rerun: This is when a television network puts on a show that has already been shown months before.

Ratings: A measurement done to see how many people are watching a particular television show. - "They canceled my favorite show because the ratings were low"

Family Friendly: Shows that are OK for children to watch. These shows don't show sex or violence

Newscast: The hour or half hour when a station runs the news
"My dad is always on his favorite chair at 6:00 PM to see the newscast."

Infomercial: A show that does nothing but inform the audience about a specific product. These are shown late at night when there are not a lot of people watching TV.

Boxed set (also "box set") (noun): a collection of TV series episodes, music albums or movies on a set of DVD or Blu-ray discs

Broadcast (verb): to send television or radio signals over the air - "Most television stations didn't broadcast in colour until the 1960s"

Commercial (noun): an advertisement on television or radio

Commercial television (noun): private television companies that make money by showing commercials

Current affairs (noun): political, economic and social events that are current, or happening now - We usually watch a current affairs show after the nightly news.

Episode: one part of a TV series, usually 30 to 60 minutes long

Free-to-air (adjective): can be watched for free by anyone with a television set
"Before cable television appeared, all television broadcasts were free-to-air"

Season: a set of related episodes shown over one single period of weeks or months

Series: a television show that tells a story over many episodes or seasons

Remote Control: A device that changes the channels on your TV.