

MOVIES, TV & ENTERTAINMENT

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TV series, streaming platforms, cliffhangers, season finales, and viewing habits

Activity 1: Streaming and series habits

Discuss these questions with a partner:

1. What TV series or show are you currently watching?
2. Have you ever binge-watched an entire season of a show in a single weekend? Which one?
3. What streaming services (e.g., Netflix, Prime, Disney+) do you or your family use most?
4. Do you prefer watching shows with short 30-minute episodes or long 1-hour episodes?
5. How do you feel when a show ends on an annoying cliffhanger?
6. Do you usually re-watch old favorite TV series, or are you always looking for new ones?

Activity 2: Contextual gap fill — Streaming vocabulary

Complete the sentences using the correct word or phrase from the box. Use each item once.

binge-watch • cliffhanger • season finale • subtitles
episode • recommendation • stream • spoiler

1. I stayed up until 2:00 AM because I couldn't stop watching the next _____.
2. Please don't post any _____ about the final episode on social media!
3. The show ended on a massive _____, so now we have to wait a year for Season 2.
4. I watched the foreign series in the original language with English _____.
5. We decided to _____ all eight episodes of the mystery drama over the weekend.
6. The _____ was so emotional that millions of fans discussed it online the next day.
7. I only started watching this series because my colleague gave it a strong _____.
8. Nowadays, most people prefer to _____ shows online whenever they want rather than watch live TV.

Activity 3: Giving structured recommendations

Work with a partner. Practice giving TV recommendations using the structured prompts below.

1. If you are looking for something light and funny, you should check out...
   Because...
2. If you enjoy dark mysteries and crime dramas, I highly recommend...
   The best thing about it is...
3. If you want a series with short episodes that you can watch quickly, try...
   It's about...

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Activity 4: "Pitch a New TV Series" group task

Imagine you are television producers pitching a brand-new series to a streaming platform. Work in pairs or small groups to complete your series concept:

- **Title of the Series:** _____
- **Genre:** [__] Comedy [__] Sci-Fi Thriller [__] Crime Drama [__] Reality Show
- **Main Premise / Setting:** _____
- **The Main Character:** _____
- **Episode 1 Cliffhanger:** _____

Present your pitch to the class in 90 seconds. Which pair came up with the most binge-worthy idea?

Activity 5: The TV habit survey

Interview your partner about their TV viewing habits and fill in the survey matrix below:

Question	Partner's Answer & Details
1. Average hours of TV / streaming per day?	
2. Do you watch TV while eating meals?	
3. What show would you recommend to anyone?	
4. Have you ever quit a show midway through? Why?	

Share your partner's answers with another pair using reported speech (*He said that..., She mentioned that...*).

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Teacher's Key

Activity 2:

1. episode
2. spoiler
3. cliffhanger
4. subtitles
5. binge-watch
6. season finale
7. recommendation
8. stream

Activities 1, 3, 4 and 5:

Answers will vary.

Encourage students to use recommendation phrases (*You should check out..., If you like X, try Y*) and clear explanatory reasons.