

## Watching television (Writing and grammar)

**Description:** Sentence completion

**Use with or after:** *English Network Connection*, Unit 11.

**Skill:** Writing and grammar

**Focus:** In eight pairs of sentences, students complete one of the sentences so that it means the same as the other, using *unless/if not*, *keen on/can't stand*, *prefer/rather*, *embarrassed/embarrassing*, etc.

**Time:** 10 minutes

**Preparation:**

- Print out the second and third pages of this file.
- Make enough copies so that each student can have one of the worksheets, but not both.

**Procedure:**

- Divide the class into two groups, A and B, on different sides of the room.
- Give the students in each group a copy of the appropriate worksheet and ask them to complete the sentences in writing.
- When they are finished, they should stand up and find a partner from the other group, so they can check their results. Group A has the sentences that group B was supposed to have written, and visa versa.

**Group A**

Here are eight pairs of sentences about television. In each pair, finish the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

1. Last night I spent three hours watching television.

Last night I watched \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I never do that unless I have a good reason.

I never do that if \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Normally I don't find quiz shows very interesting.

Normally I'm not very \_\_\_\_\_.

4. I'd be embarrassed if I were on a quiz show.

If I were on a quiz show I would find it \_\_\_\_\_.

5. I wouldn't like it if I didn't win a prize.

I wouldn't like it unless \_\_\_\_\_.

6. I always get tired when I watch television.

I always find it \_\_\_\_\_.

7. I'm not keen on watching chat shows.

I can't \_\_\_\_\_.

8. I'd prefer to watch a documentary.

I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_.

When you are finished, find a partner from the other group and put your worksheets side by side to compare your results.

**Group B**

Here are eight pairs of sentences about television. In each pair, finish the first sentence so that it means the same as the second.

1. Last night I spent \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Last night I watched television for three hours.
2. I never do that unless \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I never do that if I don't have a good reason.
3. Normally I don't find quiz shows very \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Normally I'm not very interested in quiz shows.
4. I'd be \_\_\_\_\_ .  
If I were on a quiz show I would find it embarrassing.
5. I wouldn't like it if \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I wouldn't like it unless I won a prize.
6. I always get \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I always find it tiring when I watch television.
7. I'm not keen \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I can't stand/bear watching chat shows.
8. I'd prefer \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I'd rather watch a documentary.

When you are finished, find a partner from the other group and put your worksheets side by side to compare your results.