

## LIVING WITHOUT A TV!

Ranjiv and Mandy volunteered to live without their TV for a week. Listen to the interview and choose the right answer.

1. How many hours of TV did they watch before living without a TV?
  - a) two or three hours a day
  - b) five or six hours a day
  - c) more than ten hours every weekend
  
2. What programmes did they miss most?
  - a) news, football and films
  - b) football, films and TV series
  - c) news and sports
  
3. What did they do in their free time?
  - a) They wrote letters and emails
  - b) They listened to the radio and played games
  - c) They listened to football matches on the radio
  
4. What was the most difficult thing?
  - a) Reading the newspaper from the beginning to the end
  - b) Going into pubs and restaurants
  - c) Not watching TV outside their house
  
5. What did they like most about the experience?
  - a) They did more work
  - b) They have more time to make dinner
  - c) They saw their friends more often.

**KEY:** B; A; B; C; C

**TRANSCRIPT:**

**Interviewer:** So, how was it?

**Ranjiv:** Difficult! Especially at the beginning

**Mandy:** Yes, the first few days were strange

**Interviewer:** How many hours of TV did you watch before we took your TV set away?

**Ranjiv:** Erm,...about five or six hours a day I suppose, more at the weekend.

**Mandy:** Especially if the weather was bad.

**Interviewer:** What programmes did you miss most? Ranjiv?

**Ranjiv:** What programmes did I miss most? Well, the news, I think...and the football.

**Interviewer:** Mandy?

**Mandy:** Films more than anything else...I mean, we couldn't rent videos and I really missed that. It's a great way to relax.

**Interviewer:** So what did you do instead?

**Ranjiv:** Well, we listened to the radio a lot more, especially for the news.

**Mandy:** Yeah, and I liked that actually. I think the radio news is better than the TV news. There are more interviews.

**Ranjiv:** And the radio was good for sports too. It was difficult to start with, trying to imagine what the game looked like. It was like when I was a boy. My dad and me listened to loads of football matches together on the radio. I prefer to watch sports on TV though. It's more exciting.

**Interviewer:** And what about the rest of the time?

**Mandy:** Well, I phoned my friends a lot more, and wrote letters and e-mails. I felt like I had more time.

**Ranjiv:** And we read more, of course. I read all the paper, completely from the beginning to the end, every day. Usually I only have time to read one or two of the main stories.

**Mandy:** Yeah, and we played games, card games, Monopoly, Risk. I even learnt to play chess!

**Ranjiv:** Yes, she's getting really good at it!

**Interviewer:** So what was the most difficult thing?

**Mandy:** Erm, well, strangely, it was really difficult not watching TVs when we were out. I didn't realise before, but there are TVs everywhere! In pubs, in restaurants, in cafés...And of course, if there was a TV then we couldn't go in—that was one of the rules.

**Interviewer:** And what was the best thing about the experience?

**Ranjiv:** We were more sociable than usual I think. We went out more. We invited friends round for dinner

**Mandy:** Yeah, we did lots of things we didn't have time for before.

**Interviewer:** So, do you want your TV back?

**Both:** Yes!

**Mandy:** Though we probably won't watch it as much as before.

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