

Advice Column

problems about *movies and TV*

- Read the problems below and discuss possible solutions.



Ask Anita!

Dear Anita,

I'm a TV addict. I watch an hour of television while I'm eating breakfast before I go to school, and I watch my favorite soap opera as soon as I come home from school. I watch a news program while I'm eating dinner, and then I watch another four or five hours of TV in the evening. I watch even more television on the weekends. I know this is too much, and I know that my grades in school could be better if I watched less TV. But I just can't seem to stop myself. What can I do?

Thomas

Dear Anita,

My wife and I have three questions: first, at what age should a young child start to watch TV? Second, how many hours should a young child spend every day watching TV? And finally, what kinds of TV shows should they watch? Should they watch only cartoons, or should they watch anything else – for example, sitcoms or Hollywood movies?

Robert

Dear Anita,

My English teacher says that watching movies and TV can really help improve my English, especially my listening ability. But what kinds of movies do you think can help me the most: action movies, comedies, or documentaries? And what kinds of TV might help me: news reports, talk shows or maybe something else? And should I just listen, or should I also read the DVD subtitles to help me to understand?

Cindy



- Compare your solutions with different classmates. Do you agree or disagree with their ideas?