Reading-Comprehension Test Form 8

TV and children

Only in recent years scientists and doctors began serious study of the influence of television and children. After parents, TV has the great influence on children today.

Watching TV has it’s good and bad sides. From TV children get information about the world, they learn new words and begin to use them in their speech.

But TV also influences the development on a child in a negative way. When children spend all day in front of TV sets, they cannot usually find time to read, to play games in the yard, to talk to their parents and friends.

Teachers say that children who watch TV every day talk too much at school at the lessons. They cannot talk at home while watching TV so they begin to talk at school.

TV influences the creative abilities of the pupils. In America there was such an experiment. 250 good pupils watched TV for many hours every day. After three weeks the pupils were tested. The results were unusually low.

Pupils who watch TV very much cannot understand an easy story without pictures, tables or illustrations.

TV makes children passive. When a child watches TV he lives the lives of the heroes, he travels with them, does everything with them. But he is not doing anything, he is just sitting in an armchair and watching TV.

When a child watches TV, everything seems very easy to him. And real life begins to seem easy. He cannot work hard, because watching TV doe not need hard work. And some TV shows in which the violence and crime are predominant have negative effect on children.

1. **True or false:**
2. Television doesn’t influence children.
3. Children who watch TV every day are too talkative.
4. After three weeks of watching TV the results of the tests were very high.
5. Pupils who watch TV too much become silly.
6. TV makes children active and hard-working.
7. **Find English equivalents:**

1. начали серьёзное изучение

2. влияет на развитие ребёнка

3. поэтому они начинают разговаривать в школе

4. результаты были необычайно низкими

5. телевидение не нуждается в упорной работе

1. **Complete the sentences according to the test:**
2. TV has the great ……… on children today.
3. Children get ………. about the world and they begin to use some new ……. in their speech.
4. TV influences the creative ………. of the pupils.
5. Pupils who watch TV very much cannot understand an easy story without ………… , ………… and …………. .
6. TV makes children ……… .
7. **Answer the questions:**
8. What do scientists say about the influence of TV on children?
9. What is good in watching TV?
10. Why do some children begin to talk too much at school?
11. What happens to pupils who watch TV very much?
12. Why does TV make pupils passive?
13. **What is the main idea of the article?**