

CULTURE

BRITISH TV AROUND THE WORLD

1 In pairs, discuss the questions with your partner.

- 1 Can you name any British TV programmes?
- 2 Do you prefer watching cooking shows, nature programmes or dramas?
- 3 How often do you watch TV in English?

2 Read and match the photos (A–C) to the texts. Who do you think is the most similar to you?

3 Match the headings to the texts.

Talent shows Nature shows Cooking shows

4 Read the texts again and answer the questions.

- 1 What does Brad like doing?
- 2 What is Ryan's favourite show? Why?
- 3 When do Eve and her family watch nature programmes?
- 4 Why does Eve's brother like *The Blue Planet*?
- 5 What programme do Karen's parents always watch?
- 6 What music programme does Karen like? Why?

5 Complete the sentences with the **highlighted** words in the text.

- 1 I love sea animals. I love swimming too and I'm taking a _____ course, so I can go diving on holiday with my family this summer.
- 2 When I go on nature walks with my family, we like taking photos of birds and animals in their _____.
- 3 I'm always at home to watch my favourite TV programme on Monday evening at seven o'clock. I never _____ it!
- 4 We all need to help our _____ and keep it clean.
- 5 On talent shows people can sing, dance and do magic or _____.



TALKING POINTS

Do you know the programmes Ryan, Eve and Karen are talking about?
Do you watch them?
Which ones don't you like? Why?

FACTFILE

British TV

British TV programmes are popular around the world.

According to the BBC, there is an increase in people watching British TV in different countries. People watch programmes from their own countries too, but thanks to internet and cable TV, it's easier than ever to watch international programmes.

British **talent shows**, **cooking shows**, **nature programmes** and **dramas** are all popular with international viewers.

THAT'S



ENTERTAINMENT!

Watching television is a popular free-time activity for many people around the world. Find out more about what young people are watching – and why.

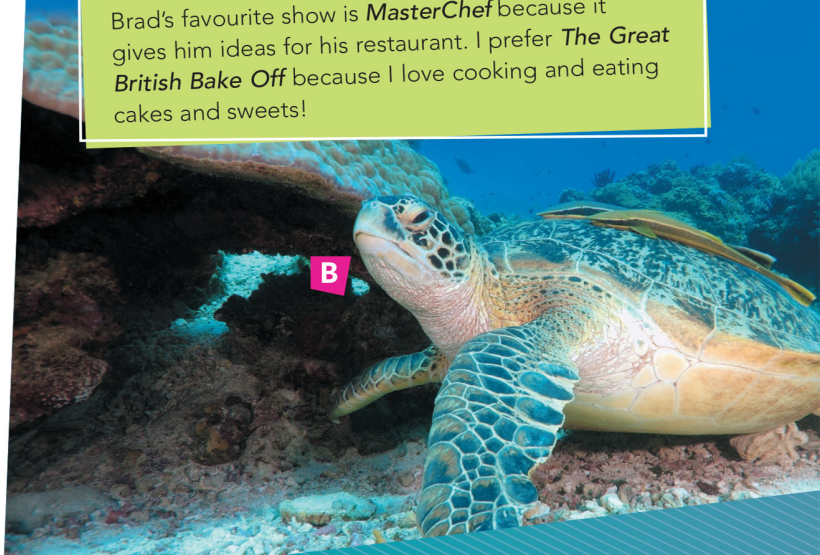


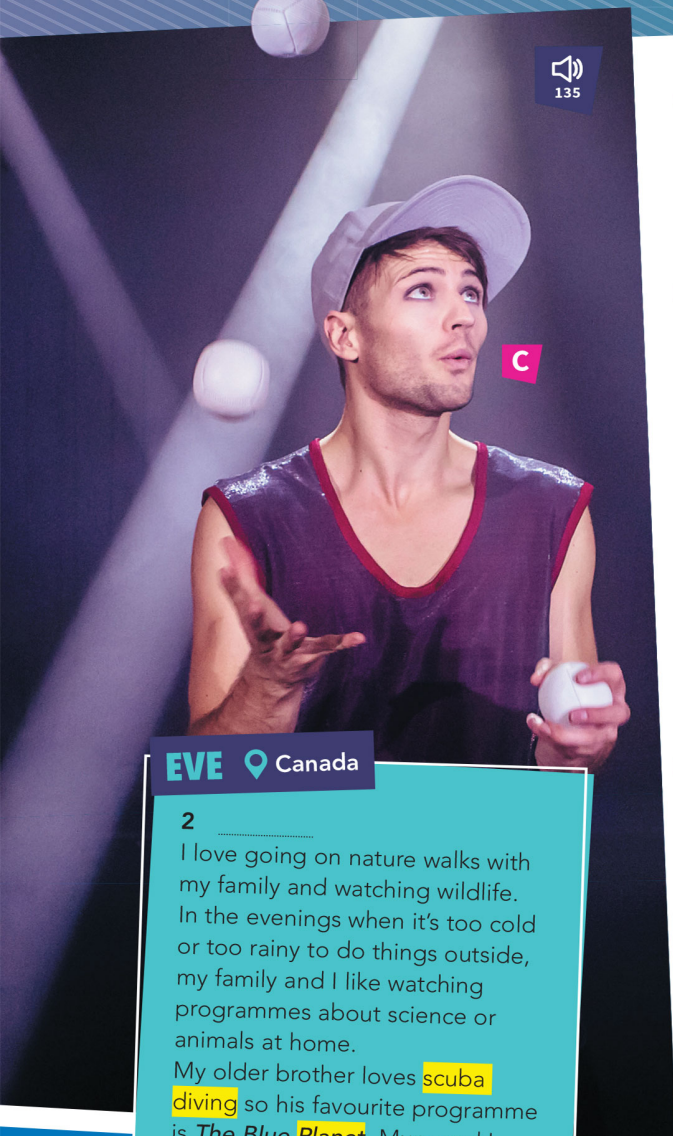
RYAN 📍 New Zealand

1

My parents' friend Brad has a small restaurant in Auckland and he loves cooking. I sometimes go to visit him with my parents at weekends. When we go to his house, we walk around town during the day. Then, we love watching shows and competitions about cooking in the evening. Brad's favourite show is *MasterChef* because it gives him ideas for his restaurant. I prefer *The Great British Bake Off* because I love cooking and eating cakes and sweets!

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EVE 📍 Canada

2

I love going on nature walks with my family and watching wildlife. In the evenings when it's too cold or too rainy to do things outside, my family and I like watching programmes about science or animals at home.

My older brother loves **scuba diving** so his favourite programme is *The Blue Planet*. Mum and I love watching *Elephant Diaries*. This TV show helps baby elephants return to their **natural habitat**.

KAREN 📍 Northern Ireland

3

I have to do my homework first before I watch TV, but one programme my parents never **miss** is *Britain's Got Talent*. They love it when there are people on the show doing gymnastics or **acrobatics**. I love music, singing and dancing. I get bored watching *Britain's Got Talent* because a lot of people on the programme do other things. I'm a good singer, so I prefer watching *The Voice* in my free time.



6 Listen to John talking to his friend Amber about his homework. Which show is he going to write about?

- a Horrible Histories
- b Britain's Got Talent
- c MasterChef Junior



7 Listen to the conversation again and choose the correct words, a or b.

- 1 John is doing homework
 - a for his German lesson
 - b for his French lesson
- 2 John likes watching _____ on TV.
 - a different programmes
 - b French programmes
- 3 Amber _____ watching cooking programmes.
 - a loves
 - b dislikes
- 4 John likes learning _____.
 - a new meals
 - b new songs
- 5 Amber _____ what *Horrible Histories* is.
 - a doesn't know
 - b knows
- 6 John loves _____.
 - a reading about nature
 - b reading about history



8 Listen to the conversation again and write the things John likes about the programmes.

PROJECT

A TV programme timetable

You are working at a TV station and making plans for a new channel. In small groups, plan a programme timetable for Saturday day times from 10 am to 2 pm.

- Make a list of possible programmes you think people like.
- Decide on the times of the programmes.
- Think of why the programmes are interesting and what people can learn from them.
- Fill in the table in your notebook.

Time	Programme (title/name of programme or type of programme (comedy, nature show, drama ...))	Audience (children, teenagers, adults)	Why is the programme interesting?
10 am– _____ am		It is for _____	People can learn _____

- Present your ideas to another group.
- Tell the class about your programme timetable. Decide on which programme timetable you like best.