



# BBC WORLD SERVICE LEARNING ENGLISH

Reality TV



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### The New Face of Television 电视新面貌

The latest fashion on British TV is **Reality** TV. Reality TV means that shows follow and film ordinary people in an artificial situation. This could be at work, or in some kind of competition.

One of the first and most popular Reality TV shows is *Big Brother*. In this show, 15 complete **strangers** have to live together in a house for 11 weeks. They are filmed 24 hours a day, and shown on television. Each week, the **viewers** vote to **evict** one of the **housemates**. Finally, only one is left, and they win the prize money – 50 000 pounds!

The show was an instant **hit**, and runs in several countries. The housemates often become stars as a result of the show, and appear in national newspapers and on other shows.

Another very popular show is *I'm a Celebrity – Get Me Out Of Here!* In this show, 10 **celebrities** are taken to the Australian **jungle**. They have to complete tasks each week, such as eating insects. The show is very expensive to make. The show cost 10 million pounds to make, but over 12 million people in Britain watched the **finale**.

Reality TV is also big business in the United States. *American Idol*, which is similar to the Chinese *Super Girl*, is one example. In this show, thousands of **would-be** singers **audition** in front of a panel of three judges.

Part of the attraction is that many of the singers are not very good – in fact, some are **awful!** The judges do not have to be polite, and are in fact usually very rude to some of the contestants.

As the show progresses, viewers vote for their favourite singers and the number of singers goes down until only one is left. As a prize, they receive a recording contract with a major record company.

Reality TV is coming to China, too. The hit US show, *The Apprentice*, featured the **tycoon** and **multi-millionaire** Donald Trump. In the new Chinese version, *Wise Man Takes All*, 16 would-be businessmen will present their ideas to the judges, and the best one will win 1 million Yuan to make their dream come true. Whatever happens, it seems Reality TV is here to stay.

## Glossary 词汇表

**reality** - 现实; 真实

**strangers** - 陌生人

**viewers** - 观众

**evict** - 驱逐; 逐出

**housemates** - 同居一屋的人

**hit** - 成功; 轰动一时

**celebrities** - 名人

**jungle** - 丛林

**finale** - 最后一场; 结局

**would-be** - 将要成为…的

**audition** - 试唱; 试演

**awful** - 非常糟糕的; 极坏的

**tycoon** - 大亨; 巨头

**multi-millionaire** - 亿万富翁

## 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

**Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.**

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1. Reality TV is a big success in Britain. **True / False**

2. Contestants on *Big Brother* do not usually become famous. **True / False**

3. *I'm A Celebrity* is an Australian show. **True / False**

4. The judges on *American Idol* are often impolite. **True / False**

5. *Wise Man Takes All* has a prize of 1 million dollars. **True / False**



## 2. TV Shows 电视节目

**Match the following TV shows with their definitions.**

请将下列电视节目与其定义对应起来。

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|----------------|--|
| 1. chat show   | a. a regular news programme  |
| 2. bulletin    | b. a drama that appears several times a week featuring the same characters |
| 3. quiz show   | c. famous people are interviewed by the presenter                          |
| 4. documentary | d. contestants answer questions to win prizes                              |
| 5. soap opera  | e. a topic is presented in a factual way, e.g. history, animals etc.       |

**Now complete the following sentences using one of the TV shows above.**

请用以上电视节目的一种完成下列句子。

1. "Do you know who won the football?" "No. Turn on the TV – there should be a news \_\_\_\_\_ at ten."
2. I don't watch much TV, but I never miss my favourite \_\_\_\_\_ every Monday and Wednesday.
3. I saw Brad Pitt interviewed on a \_\_\_\_\_ last night. It was really interesting.
4. Last night I saw a really interesting \_\_\_\_\_ about lions.
5. My uncle won a holiday to Spain on a \_\_\_\_\_.



### 3. Prepositions 介词

Complete the sentences below using the correct prepositions.

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1. Can you turn \_\_\_\_\_ the TV, please? I want to watch the news.
2. I'm going to bed. Please turn \_\_\_\_\_ the TV when you have finished.
3. We watched a film \_\_\_\_\_ television.
4. I saw a really interesting film \_\_\_\_\_ King Henry VIII.
5. Do you want to see Tom Cruise's latest film? It's on \_\_\_\_\_ the cinema now.
6. Brad Pitt's next film comes \_\_\_\_\_ in December.
7. I don't know anything \_\_\_\_\_ American TV.
8. Sorry, can you speak \_\_\_\_\_. I can't hear you.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with television shows in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与电视节目有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

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watch	viewer	quiz	soap	hit

## Answers 答案

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