



TV SCHEDULE

I. BEFORE YOU READ.

You are going to read the schedule for a British television channel. Before you read, match the different types of television programme in A with its description in B.

A

B

soap opera

people answer questions to win a prize

cartoon

famous people answer questions about their life and their work

entertainment

not serious; watched for pleasure

chat show

drama about the lives and problems of a group of people

quiz show

animated film, usually for children



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Now choose a definition in B for the words in A. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

A	B
schedule	very bad or cruel
death	residential areas around a town or city
murder	programme or timetable of activities
presenter	grown with no artificial chemicals
kite	the most interesting or exciting parts of something
puppy	the time when someone stops living
organic	crime of killing somebody
suburbs	toy that you fly in the air
reach	young dog
evil	arrive at a place or an objective
highlights	person who introduces TV programmes



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2. NOW READ THE TV SCHEDULE AND THE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

TV schedule SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

BBC 1

1.30pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot: Death on The Nile (Film)	Poirot investigates the death of a rich American woman who seems to have been murdered while on a holiday in Egypt.
3.30pm	Teletubbies (Children's)	More entertainment for the under-tuos. Tinky Winky loses his bag and Laa-laa finds it.
3.50pm	Looney Tunes (Cartoon)	More cartoon fun with Bugs Bunny and his friends. This week, Bugs Bunny decides to take a holiday.
4pm	Blue Peter (Children's)	The three presenters, Susan, Mike and Gareth try parachuting, make a kite and dance with the Royal Ballet School. There is a competition to name their new puppy.
5pm	Gardener's World (Documentary)	Monty Jon shows us how to create an organic vegetable garden and Sarah Haven selects colourful flowers for spring.
5.30pm	Neighbours (Soap opera)	Can Sheila tell Bruce the truth about his parents? More tales of life from Australia's suburbs.

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6pm	News	Today's international, national and local news.
	Weather	Today's weather report from Bill Finch.
6.45pm	Who Wants to be a Millionaire? (Quiz show)	Two contestants answer questions to win a big money prize. Will they need to phone a friend or ask the audience to reach the magic million?
7.45pm	It's a Wonderful Life (Film)	Starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. George Bailey helps others but is made unhappy by the town's evil businessman. An angel comes to rescue George.
9.30pm	Match of the Day (Sport)	A summary of the football matches played earlier today, with discussion and highlights.
11pm	Parkinson (Chat show)	Michael Parkinson interviews more celebrities in his show. Tonight he meets top chef Jamie Lawson, writer Charles Austen, and Hollywood actor Brad Cruise.
12am	Wildlife on One (Documentary)	David Attenborough investigates the rainforests of the equator and finds many exotic flowers and animals.



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- a. When can you watch a film? _____ and _____ .
- b. When can you watch the news? _____ .
- c. When is the best time for children to watch? Between _____ and _____ .
- d. When can you watch some sport? _____ .

3. READ THE TEXT AGAIN.

Decide if the statements below are true (T) or false (F).

	T	F
The film, <i>Death on the Nile</i> , lasts approximately two hours.	_____	_____
Teletubbies is for very young children.	_____	_____
The puppy on <i>Blue Peter</i> doesn't have a name yet.	_____	_____
Programmes for children finish at half past five.	_____	_____
<i>Neighbours</i> is an American soap opera.	_____	_____
The contestants on <i>Who Wants to be a Millionaire?</i> can not be helped by friends or the public.	_____	_____
In <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> , a businessman saves an angel.	_____	_____
You can see live football on <i>Match of the Day</i> .	_____	_____
Michael Parkinson talks to famous people in a programme starting at 11 o'clock.	_____	_____
<i>Wildlife on One</i> starts at midnight.	_____	_____



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4. PREPOSITIONS OF TIME.

We use the preposition **at** when we say the exact time something happens, for example, *at 6 o'clock*.

We use the preposition **on** for days and dates, for example. *on Sunday ; on 14th July*.

We use the preposition **in** for months and years, for example. *in January ; in 2007*. We also use **in** for the expressions *in the morning*, *in the afternoon* and *in the evening*.

Study this example and then complete the sentences below using the words *at*, *on* or *in*.

You can see the film *It's a Wonderful Life* *on* Saturday *at* 7.45 *in* the evening.

- He wants to meet me _____ 11 o'clock _____ the morning.
- We got married _____ 3 o'clock _____ the fifteenth of May.
- We're going to see a match _____ Wednesday. It starts _____ quarter to nine _____ the evening.
- Elvis Presley died _____ 1977 and John Lennon died _____ 1980.

5. EXPRESSION.

What kind of television programmes do you like watching? Describe an interesting programme you saw last week.