

Are children watching too much* television? And what are they watching on television? A recent survey* in Spain discovered that children as young as seven are watching adult programmes and that two out of three parents don't control what their children watch.

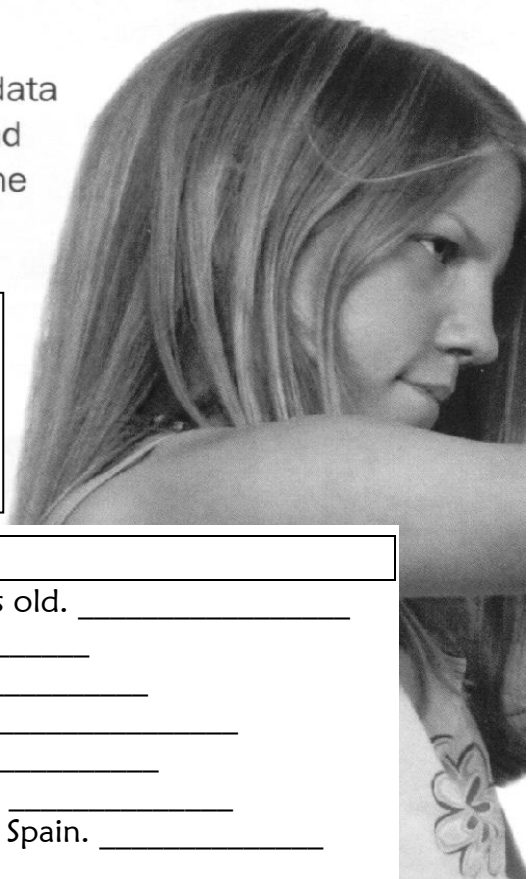
In the past children under 12 usually watched cartoons*. Today they prefer to watch dramas and reality shows. In Spain, more than 750,000 kids* under 14 watch about 40 minutes of prime-time* television starting at 10 p.m., and about 400,000 are still watching TV at midnight.

Scientific studies in the United States show that kids who watch TV have problems concentrating. *The American Journal of Clinic Nutrition* says that they also have weight* problems because they eat too much when they are watching TV and don't do enough* exercise.

Kids in Spain now watch TV for 3 hours 38 minutes a day on average*. That's the highest in Europe after the United Kingdom.

Around the world, the average is 3 hours 39 minutes, claims* Eurodata TV Worldwide. Japan (4 hours 29 minutes) and the United States (4 hours 25 minutes) are the leaders in TV watching. In Europe the average is 3 hours 33 minutes.

Kids TV!



VOCABULARY

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| Survey: encuesta | Enough: Suficiente |
| Cartoons: Dibujos | Average: Media |
| Prime Time: Máxima audiencia | High: alto |
| Still: Todavía | After: después |
| Say: Decir | Claims: Resalta |
| Weight: Peso | |

1. TRUE OR FALSE.

1. Most kids start watching TV between 2 and 3 years old. _____
2. Children watched cartoons in the past. _____
3. Japan is the leader country in TV watching. _____
4. Kids who watch TV haven't got weight problems. _____
5. Kids in Spain have problems concentrating. _____
6. A 7 years boy watches adult programmes in Spain. _____
7. A kid who watches TV has got weight problems in Spain. _____
8. The United Kingdom is the leader in Europe. _____

2. ANSWER with "SHORT ANSWERS".

1. Are children as young as seven watching adult programmes in Spain?.
2. Do parents control what their children watch on TV?.
3. Do boys watch cartoons now?.
4. Is the television in Spain the leader in Europe in TV watching?.
5. Is Japan one of the leaders countries in TV watching?.
6. Have kids got weight problems, watching TV?.
7. Are kids watching TV at midnights?.
8. Have they got problems concentrating in Spain?.

3. Find ONE word PRONOUNCED as...

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| 1. /ei/: | 3. /iu/: | 5. /i/: | 7. /e/: |
| 2. /ai/: | 4. /ou/: | 6. /o/: | 8. /au/: |

4. ANSWER these questions.

1. What has a recent survey discovered?.
2. When do children under 12 watch cartoons?.
3. Where do kids watch "more" TV?.
4. Why do children watch adult programmes?.
5. Who says they also have weight problems?.
6. What are the leaders countries in TV watching?.
7. How many kids are watching TV at midnights?.
8. Why have children got weight problems in the USA?.

5. REAL ENGLISH. HOW DO YOU SAY?.

1. USA is the leader in TV watching. _____
2. They eat too much. _____
3. Problems concentrating. _____
4. As young as seven. _____
5. the highest in Europe. _____
6. children under 12. _____

6. Complete this text with the PRESENT SIMPLE form of the verbs in brackets.

Hi!. I (be) _____ Mick. My favourite time of the year (be) _____ Christmas, which is on December, 25th. That (be) _____ when we (celebrate) _____ the birth of Christ. In the middle of December, my brothers (send) _____ a postcard to our friends. Then we (get) _____ a big tree and decorate it with lights. In Christmas, my sister Anne (wash) _____ our clothes. She (help) _____ mum a lot, but she (like) _____ watching TV too much. She (watch) _____ TV three hours a day, except on Wednesdays, because she (go) _____ to the cinema with her boyfriend, Thomas. He and she (kiss) _____ each other. Anne (study) _____ at the Chicago University. She always (fly) _____ to New York in Christmas.

7. Add the 3RD PERSON singular "S" to the following verbs.

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| 1. Stay: | 4. Scratch: | 7. Fix: |
| 2. Shine: | 5. Enjoy: | 8. Cosh: |
| 3. Mass: | 6. Scream: | 9. Dip: |

8. Write into the NEGATIVE form.

1. Tony and Michael sometimes go swimming.
2. They are always interested in Elvis Presley.
3. Lions usually eat in the mornings.
4. The R. Stones always sing my favourite songs.
5. Louis often fishes alone.
6. "The Old and the Sea" is one of Hemingway's.