

TEACHER'S NOTES

chainwatch

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Overview: Suggestions for using the **Macmillan Dictionary BuzzWord** article on *chainwatch* and the associated worksheets.

Total time for worksheet activities: 35 minutes

Suggested level: Intermediate and above

1. If you intend to use the worksheet in class, go to the *BuzzWord* article at the web address given at the beginning of the worksheet and print off a copy of the article. Make a copy of the worksheet and the *BuzzWord* article for each student. You might find it helpful not to print a copy of the Key for each student but to check the answers as a class.
2. If the members of your class all have computer and internet access, ask them to open the worksheet before they go to the *BuzzWord* article link. Make sure they do not scroll down to the Key until they have completed each exercise.
3. Encourage students to read through the questions in Exercise 1 before they look at the *BuzzWord* article. Ask them to read through the whole article carefully, answer the questions and then compare their answers with a partner. Check the answers as a class.
4. In Exercise 2, make sure that the students know the words in the exercise appear in the same order in which they appear in the text.
5. When your students have completed Exercise 3, ask them to correct the false statements (see the Key for the corrections).
6. Encourage the students to do Exercise 4 without looking at the text. When they have matched the verbs and noun phrases, ask them to check their answers in the text.
7. In Exercise 5, ask the students to complete the exercise and then discuss their answers with a partner. Check the answers in open class.
8. Encourage students to try to complete Exercise 6 without looking at the text. When they have finished, ask them to check their answers by looking in the text.
9. As a winding up activity, ask the students to say if they ever *chainwatch* and if they do, which TV series and why. If some students say they never *chainwatch*, ask them which TV series they would like to watch again in this way and why.

Go to the **Macmillan Dictionary BuzzWord** article at:

<http://www.macmillandictionary.com/buzzword/entries/chainwatch.html>

1 Find the information

Read the **BuzzWord** article on the word *chainwatch* and answer these questions.

1. What three motivations for *chainwatching* are mentioned in the text?
2. How many episodes does US TV series *24* have?
3. The term *chainwatch* was formed by analogy with which other word?
4. When was the term *chainsmoker* first used?
5. Who is believed to have been the original *chainsmoker*?
6. What is the function of the productive prefix *chain*?

2 Find the word

Look in the text and find the following words. The first letters of the words or phrases are given. The words are in the order in which they appear in the text.

1. a two-word phrasal verb meaning *to sit in a comfortable position, with your legs bent and your feet up off the floor* c_____ u_____
2. a reflexive verb meaning *to allow yourself to have or do something that you enjoy* i_____ y_____
3. a noun meaning *the process of delaying something until later, usually something that you do not want to do* p_____
4. a verb in passive form meaning *extremely interested in something* g_____
5. an adjective meaning (in this context) *simple and with only basic features* h_____
6. a noun meaning *a small amount of something* s_____

3 Comprehension check

Are these statements True (T) or False (F) according to the text? Correct those that are false.

1. *Chainwatching* involves sitting and watching one or two episodes of a TV series.
2. *Chainwatching* has only been made possible by 21st century media.
3. All 121 episodes of *Lost* can fit on a single disc.
4. The word *chainsmoker* came into the English language as a direct translation from German.
5. The prefix *chain* is beginning to be used to describe a number of repetitious activities.
6. *Chaindrinker* is frequently used to describe people who drink too much water.

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4 Collocations

Match the verbs in the left-hand column with the nouns or noun phrases in the right-hand column.

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|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. resist | a. one's precious leisure time |
| 2. have | b. a life of its own |
| 3. take on | c. something at one's disposal |
| 4. consume | d. a diary |
| 5. sacrifice | e. temptation |
| 6. keep | f. food |

5 Expressions with prepositions

Which prepositions are used in these expressions from the text?

1. intrinsic _____
2. _____ one's disposal
3. characteristic _____
4. refer _____
5. border _____
6. _____ one's convenience

6 Adjectives

Match these adjectives from the text with the nouns or noun phrases they describe.

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. pure | a. laziness |
| 2. intense | b. video cassette |
| 3. downright | c. escapism |
| 4. humble | d. enjoyment |
| 5. high-calorie | e. food |

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KEY

1 Find the information

1. a genuine need to relax, procrastination or downright laziness
2. 192
3. chainsmoke
4. in the late 1800s
5. Otto von Bismarck, the chancellor of the German Empire
6. to suggest that an activity is compulsive or repetitious

2 Find the word

1. curl up
2. indulge yourself
3. procrastination
4. to be gripped
5. humble
6. smattering

3 Comprehension check

1. F. It involves watching four or more.
2. T
3. F. They can comfortably sit on a few discs.
4. T
5. T
6. F. It is used to describe people who drink a lot of alcohol or coffee.

4 Collocations

1. e
2. c
3. b
4. f
5. a
6. d

5 Expressions with prepositions

1. to
2. at
3. of
4. to
5. on
6. at

6 Adjectives

1. c
2. d
3. a
4. b
5. e