

TEACHER'S NOTES

hate-watching

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Overview: Suggestions for using the **Macmillan Dictionary BuzzWord** article on *hate-watching* and the associated worksheet.

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.
2. If your students all have computer access in class, 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. You might find it helpful not to print a copy of the Key for each student but to check the answers as a class.
3. In Exercise 1, encourage the students to read through the definitions before they look at the *BuzzWord* article. When they have completed the exercise, ask them to compare their answers with a partner. Then check the answers as a class.
4. In Exercise 2, make sure that the students know that 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. In Exercise 4, ask the students to complete the exercise and then discuss their answers with a partner. Check the answers as a class.
7. When the students have completed Exercise 5, ask them to compare their answers in pairs
8. This particular *BuzzWord* article has quite a lot of tricky vocabulary, some of which may be interesting to your learners. Encourage them to use a learner's dictionary such as the [Macmillan Dictionary](#) to check the meaning of unknown vocabulary (e.g. *tacit*, *intrinsicly*, *tenet*, *galvanize*).
9. As a winding-up activity, ask the students to discuss TV programmes they hate-watch and/or actors or particular characters they like to hate-watch. Ask them to explain why they get pleasure from watching these particular programmes or individuals.

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

<http://www.macmillandictionary.com/buzzword/entries/hate-watching.html>

1 Definitions

Read the article and choose the best answer.

1. What is *hate-watching*?
 - a. Watching a TV show that you hate because you have nothing better to do.
 - b. Watching a TV show that you dislike and getting pleasure from criticizing it.
 - c. Watching a TV show that you secretly like but pretending you hate it.
2. Why do people *hate-watch* certain TV shows?
 - a. Because they have to review them.
 - b. Because they want to poke fun at them.
 - c. Because the shows have characters they dislike.

2 Find the word

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

1. an adjective referring to words or ideas and meaning *used so often that they no longer seem interesting or original*
 h_____
2. a verb meaning *to make something seem less important or serious than it really is*
 t_____
3. a verb meaning *to be involved in an activity*
 p_____
4. a two-word adjective meaning *having similar tastes, interests and opinions*
 l_____
5. a verb meaning *to complain, especially continuously and about unimportant things*
 g_____
6. a noun meaning *a situation in which someone or something is famous for something bad*
 n_____

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3 Comprehension check

Are these statements true (T) or false (F) according to the text?

1. Only TV programmes can be hate-watched.
2. Hate-watching began life as a noun.
3. Watching something because you get pleasure from criticizing it is a new idea.
4. Compared with that of previous eras, 21st century TV is of a relatively good standard.
5. Hate-watchers usually hate-watch in isolation.
6. Social media provide hate-watchers with the ideal platform to share their opinions with like-minded people.

4 Idiomatic phrases

Complete the sentences using these phrases from the text.

a fine line between	not up to scratch	a jolly good moan
poke fun at	behind-the-scenes	

1. If you _____ someone, you make unkind jokes about them.
2. If there is _____ two things, they seem very similar and it is difficult to see a difference between them.
3. _____ events happen secretly rather than publicly.
4. If something is described as _____, it is not good enough.
5. If you have _____, you enjoy grumbling about something.

5 Verb + noun 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. derive | a. the question |
| 2. communicate | b. a TV programme/show |
| 3. achieve | c. one's feelings |
| 4. beg | d. pleasure |
| 5. provide | e. notoriety |
| 6. review | f. a platform (for something) |

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KEY

1 Definitions

1. b
2. b

2 Find the word

1. hackneyed
2. trivialize
3. partake
4. like-minded
5. grumble
6. notoriety

3 Comprehension check

1. F. People or characters within TV shows can also be hate-watched.
2. T
3. F. It is just another example of the fact that people enjoy poking fun at things.
4. T
5. F. They communicate their feelings via social media to like-minded people.
6. T

4 Idiomatic phrases

1. poke fun at
2. a fine line between
3. behind-the-scenes
4. not up to scratch
5. a jolly good moan

5 Verb + noun collocations

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