

Useful TV Programmes

One of the best ways to learn a language is to hear as many accents as you can in lots of different places. Watching TV programmes that contain everyday language and lots of characters can be very useful. Soaps or Soap Operas are shown on terrestrial TV on a regular basis e.g. 5 times a week and so becoming entranced with 1 or several of them is easy.

The most popular 2 Soaps are EastEnders and Coronation Street. Which is your favourite? There are also other shows on TV which focus on words; such as Countdown and Brainteaser. These 2 shows are on every weekday and allow you to learn new words whilst relaxing.

PS: Brainteaser is currently not on and is probably taking a break. It is normally on Channel 5 during the day.

	EastEnders	Coronation Street	Countdown
Channel	BBC 1	ITV 1	Channel 4
Monday	8:00 pm	7:30 pm	3:30 pm
Tuesday	7:30 pm		3:30 pm
Wednesday		7:30 pm	3:30 pm
Thursday	7:30 pm		3:30 pm
Friday	8:00 pm	7:30 pm	3:30 pm
Saturday			
Sunday	Omnibus around 3:00 pm	7:30 pm	

EastEnders is also repeated on BBC 3 at 10 pm after it is shown on BBC 1. ITV 2 shows repeats of Coronation Street although at which time I am unsure.

Whilst watching soaps you could actively participate by doing impressions of the characters and also by testing their phrases/sayings. See how it sounds with your voice and if you can speak like them comfortably. If you are watching with friends or family speak to each other using the language of the programme's characters.

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Omnibus: A collection of the last week's programmes shown together. Useful for catching up on episodes you may have missed.

Terrestrial TV: This used to mean the 5 channels that every TV set could receive without add-ons such as Cable or Sky. With the introduction of Digital TV & Freeview this phrase has less significance but is still used.

Repeat/s: A programme being shown twice or more than this is a repeat. "I'm not watching TV, it's nothing but repeats"