

Now divide into groups and find benefits and dangers of television.

Benefits of television	Dangers

1. Television helps us to learn more about the world and to know and see many new things.
2. Television can make us passive. We don't have to think and our brains become lazy.
3. It has increased the popularity of sports and arts.
4. It takes time away from activities such as reading, conversation, and games.
5. It is an enjoyable way to relax.
6. It encourages us to buy things that we don't need, and can make us unhappy with our own lives.
7. It has made us aware of our global responsibilities. In 1985, for example, 1.5 billion people in 147 countries watched TV pop concert and helped to collect more than \$100 million for people in Africa.

Read the passage about future of television and complete the text with the words from the box.

THE FUTURE OF TELEVISION

In future, we probably won't watch television at all.

I think television (1)...will disappear. We'll use a computer and choose the programs that we want to watch. (2)... will then get the program from another computer, probably on the other side of the world. We'll be able to tell the computer what type of (3) ...we like (for example, types of films, (4)...., documentaries, etc.) and the computer will search for those programs and then give us a (5)... to choose from. The pictures that we see will also be different. They will be (6).... We will be able to look around the pictures that we see.

The computer, channels, 'holographic', programs, music, 'menu'.

Your task is to match the words and their definitions.

- Television
- Newspaper
- The Internet
- Radio

1. a paper printed and sold usually daily or weekly with news, advertisements etc.;
2. broadcasting programmes for people to listen to;
3. broadcasting programmes (the news, plays, advertisements, shows, etc.) for people to watch on their television sets;
4. a way to communicate with your partner who might be a thousand miles away using the computer (e-mails).

THE EFFECTS OF MASS-MEDIA

<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>