**Vocabulary:**

advantages

disadvantages

convenient

comfortably

violence

**Television in Our life**

Television now plays an important role in our life. It is difficult to say if it is good or bad for us. It is clear, that television has advantages and disadvantages.

But are there more advantages than disadvantages? In the first place, television is an entertainment. But it is not only a convenient entertainment. For a family of three, four or five, for example, it is more convenient and less expensive to sit comfortably at home than to go out to find entertainment in other places. They don't have to pay for expensive seats at the theatre or cinema. They turn on the TV-set and can watch interesting films, concerts, football matches.

But some people think that it's bad to watch TV. Those who watch TV need do nothing. We are passive when we watch TV. Television shows us many interesting programmes. But again there is a disadvantage here: we watch TV every evening, and it begins to dominate our lives.

My friend told me that when his TV-set broke down, he and his family found that they had more time to do things and to talk to each other. There are other arguments for and against television.

Very often the programmes are bad. Sometimes they show too much violence in films and news programmes. There is also too much pop music and ads. Ads on the whole are convenient for grown-ups. But is it good for children to watch all those ads where they show all kinds of underwear and what not?

**Questions:**

1. What advantages does television have?   
2. What disadvantages does television have?  
3. What did my friend find when his TV-set broke down?  
4. What do they sometimes show?

**Say is it true/false:**

1. They do not turn on the TV-set and can watch interesting films, concerts, football matches.

2. Television is a very bad source of an entertainment.

3. TV it is more convenient and less expensive for a bid family.

4. There are not many other arguments for and against television.

5. TV shows not too much violence in films and news programmes.