

Language Activity 2

Read the passage and answer all the questions that follow.

TEXT B

Why You Need to Stop Binge-Watching TV Shows

1. Who haven't spent entire weekends watching F.R.I.E.N.D.S or Breaking Bad marathons? The internet today allows access to entire season downloads or streaming of your favourite television shows. Uninterrupted viewing of the television for long hours can have surprisingly hazardous (effects/affects) on your mind and body.
2. People that watch TV for over four hours a day are susceptible to an increased risk of health problems. Laptop screens if stared at for too long can cause eyestrain and headaches.
3. Binge-viewing is an isolating action. It can lead to antisocial behavior because of reduced time spent interacting with people. Staying indoors for long periods of time increases the risk of depression and anxiety.
4. Binge-watching TV distracts you from other parts of your lives. A binge-watcher gets accustomed to staying indoors alone instead of spending time with family and friends. It distracts from work and other healthy hobbies.
5. Binge-watchers are more likely to disregard personal hygiene by skipping baths and not cleaning up after themselves.
6. Those who believe binge-watching to be a harmless addiction don't realize that it leads to weight gain and obesity. We burn calories every day by staying on our feet and fidgeting. Watching television all day drastically reduces the amount of calories you burn throughout the day.

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Questions

- 2.1 Provide alternative punctuation for the names of the television series referred to in paragraph 1.
- 2.2 Correct the concord error in paragraph 1.
- 2.3 Choose the correct word from those in the brackets in paragraph 1.
- 2.4 Correct the pronoun error in paragraph 2.
- 2.5 Commas have been omitted from the second sentence of paragraph 2. Rewrite the sentence with the commas in the correct places.
- 2.6 Correct the spelling error in paragraph 3.

2.7 Rewrite the third sentence of paragraph 3 in the passive voice.

2.8 Correct the error in the first sentence of paragraph 4.

2.9 Write “hygiene” (paragraph 5) as an adjective.

2.10 Should “number” replace “amount” in the last sentence of paragraph 6? Give a reason for your answer.