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3D TV just for big events, says director

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A top British documentary maker has said 3D TV will only be popular for big events like the soccer World Cup. Sir David Attenborough said people thought television was a miracle when it first came out, but now people use it as background sound and vision. He believes that people might be wrong to think 3D will change our viewing, saying: "I think 3D TV is going to be event TV. It can be an international football match, or it can also be an important programme." He added we will only watch programmes that "require your attention".

Sir David has been working in television since 1952. He is perhaps the world's greatest maker of wildlife documentaries. The film-maker believes 3D TV will not become the normal way to watch television. He said the special glasses make it "too isolating". But TV manufacturers disagree. They believe 3D TV is the future. All the major electronics brands are now selling 3D TV sets. There is something that could discourage people from watching 3D TV. Medical research shows it can cause eye strain, headaches, and nausea and sickness.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A top British documentary | a. when it first came out |
| 2. television was a miracle | b. wrong |
| 3. use it as background | c. "require your attention" |
| 4. e believes that people might be | d. maker |
| 5. 3D will change | e. sound and vision |
| 6. programmes that | f. our viewing |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. working in television | a. documentaries |
| 2. maker of wildlife | b. and sickness |
| 3. the normal way | c. since 1952 |
| 4. They believe 3D TV is | d. cause eye strain |
| 5. research shows it can | e. to watch television |
| 6. nausea | f. the future |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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A top British documentary maker has said 3D TV will only be _____ like the soccer World Cup. Sir David Attenborough said people thought television was a miracle _____ out, but now people use it as background _____. He believes that people might be wrong to think 3D will _____, saying: "I think 3D TV is going to be event TV. It can be an international football match, _____ an important programme." He added we will only watch programmes that "_____".

Sir David _____ in television since 1952. He is perhaps the world's greatest maker of wildlife documentaries. The film-maker believes 3D TV _____ normal way to watch television. He said _____ make it "too isolating". But TV manufacturers disagree. They believe _____. All the major electronics brands are now selling 3D TV sets. There _____ could discourage people from watching 3D TV. Medical research shows it can cause eye strain, headaches, and _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A top British documentary (1) _____ has said 3D TV will only be popular for big events like the soccer World Cup. Sir David Attenborough said people thought television was a (2) _____ when it first came out, but now people use it as background sound and (3) _____. He believes that people might (4) _____ wrong to think 3D will change our viewing, saying: "I think 3D TV is going to (5) _____ event TV. It can be an international football match, or it can also be an important programme." He added we will only watch programmes that "require (6) _____ attention".

Sir David has been (7) _____ in television since 1952. He is perhaps the world's greatest maker of wildlife documentaries. The film-maker (8) _____ 3D TV will not become the normal way to watch television. He said the special glasses make (9) _____ "too isolating". But TV manufacturers disagree. They believe 3D TV is (10) _____ future. (11) _____ the major electronics brands are now selling 3D TV sets. There is something that could discourage people from watching 3D TV. Medical research shows it can cause eye strain, headaches, and nausea and (12) _____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) marker | (b) maker | (c) meeker |
| 2. | (a) miracle | (b) miraculous | (c) miracles |
| 3. | (a) seeing | (b) watch | (c) vision |
| 4. | (a) is | (b) are | (c) be |
| 5. | (a) be | (b) are | (c) is |
| 6. | (a) an | (b) your | (c) the |
| 7. | (a) working | (b) works | (c) worked |
| 8. | (a) beliefs | (b) believes | (c) bellies |
| 9. | (a) them | (b) it | (c) our |
| 10. | (a) the | (b) a | (c) [no word] |
| 11. | (a) Each | (b) Every | (c) All |
| 12. | (a) sickly | (b) sick | (c) sickness |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. top British documentary aremk
2. olpapur for big events
3. television was a lrimace
4. sound and nsviio
5. 3D will change our viewgin
6. ieqrrue your attention

Paragraph 2

7. icens 1952
8. fiielldw documentaries
9. the lmraon way
10. 3D TV is the rfeuut
11. major electronics sbrnda
12. nausea and csssneik

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () only watch programmes that “require your attention”.
- () maker of wildlife documentaries. The film-maker believes 3D TV will not become the normal
- () out, but now people use it as background sound and vision. He believes that people might be wrong to
- () Sir David has been working in television since 1952. He is perhaps the world’s greatest
- () selling 3D TV sets. There is something that could discourage people from watching 3D TV. Medical
- () way to watch television. He said the special glasses make it “too isolating”. But TV manufacturers
- (**1**) A top British documentary maker has said 3D TV will only be popular for big events like the soccer
- () an international football match, or it can also be an important programme.” He added we will
- () disagree. They believe 3D TV is the future. All the major electronics brands are now
- () research shows it can cause eye strain, headaches, and nausea and sickness.
- () World Cup. Sir David Attenborough said people thought television was a miracle when it first came
- () think 3D will change our viewing, saying: “I think 3D TV is going to be event TV. It can be

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. big 3D only for will popular events TV be.

2. a thought was miracle People television.

3. believes He wrong be might people that.

4. It programme important an be also can.

5. your programmes require attention Watch that.

6. has since been 1952 working in David television.

7. way normal the Become television watch to.

8. it make glasses special The isolating too.

9. from 3D people watching TV Discourage.

10. cause research eye shows strain it can Medical.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

WRITING

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Write about 3D TV for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. 3D TV: Search the Internet and find more information about 3D TV. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about 3D TV. Include imaginary interviews with 3D TV manufacturers. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Sir David Attenborough. Ask him three questions about his life making wildlife documentaries. Give him three of your opinions on 3D TV. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.