

Lesson 70: TV

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Toshi: Want to hang out tonight?

Karen: Actually, I just want to rest and watch something on TV. Is there anything worth watching tonight?

Toshi: There's the sitcom 'Big Bang Theory'. Do you know about that show?

Karen: I've seen a few episodes. What channel is it on?

Toshi: I'm not sure if it's on Star or Fox. It's usually on around 9:00PM.

Karen: I'll swing by the video store in case there isn't a good movie on HBO.

Toshi: I wish HBO would **ease up** on the violence and show more wholesome movies.

Karen: I know, right? When I was a kid, my mother would leave me in front of the TV to watch Sesame Street. I could watch Elmo sing and dance for hours.

Toshi: Nowadays, you can't leave children on their own when watching TV.

Karen: That's so true. TV is both a blessing and a curse.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. I waited for an hour for the storm to **ease up**.
2. Traffic **eased up** after the holidays.
3. At 82 years old, my grandmother hasn't **eased up** on house chores. She still cooks and cleans the house every day.

* ease up (on~) / (~において) [激しさ、痛み、緊張などが] 緩和する、少なくなる； [速度が] 落ちる、のんびりする

3. Your Task

Your Japanese friend has just moved to L.A. where you live. He would like to subscribe to cable TV and has asked you to accompany him to the cable company. He can't speak English well so you will have to speak for him. Talk to the cable company employee (=your tutor) and apply for a cable TV subscription. You should tell the cable company the TV channels that your friend prefers.

4. Let's Talk

Do you think that TV was a good invention and why?

Will people ever stop watching TV and simply use the internet for all their viewing pleasures? Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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