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**Vocabulary.**

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## Entertainment

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- b. Many stars chose to.....a child rather than have their own.
- c. Meg's book has been.....for a TV programme.

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- a. Watching TV helps me.....at the end of the day.
- b. The makeup artist had to..... special tape around my legs.
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3. **highlight**      **spotlight**      **limelight**

- a. Going backstage after the show was the..... of our theatre trip.
- b. Young actors who attain sudden fame can find life in the.....tough.
- c. Funding for schools is once again under the.....

4. **downright**      **upright**      **outright**

- a. The director told him..... that he was too ugly for the role,
- b. I think it's.....disgusting what some actors will do to get a part!
- c. The artist had pictures propped.....against the walls of his studio.

5. **feature**      **characterise**      **focus**

- a. The documentary.....on the training professional dancers receive.
- b. The film.....several young up-and-coming actors.
- c. Hitchcock's films are..... by suspense and humour.

6. **engross**      **appeal**      **addict**

- a. I was so.....in the film that I stayed up till 2.00 watching it.
- b. Horror movies have never really.....to me.
- c. I am..... to late-night television!

7. **so-called**      **alleged**      **renowned**

- a. The..... "live" performance consisted of a group miming to a CD.
- b. I was flattered to get the chance to work with the.....director.

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8. **ratings credits subtitles**

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c. The names of all the technical crew who worked on a movie are listed in the.....

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d. suggest an explanation

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a. influence you    b. intelligent    c. have no idea    d. stupid

e. suddenly realised    f. a genius

**5. Match the words (1 to 12) in colour to their meanings (a to l).**

1. Can you **cast** an eye over the script and give me your opinion?
2. When Dan broke his arm, he had to wear a **cast** for two months.
3. Julia Roberts is often **cast** as the lead in romantic comedies.
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5. Congratulations on your engagement - have you **set** a date yet?
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11. Just try to **act** as if nothing's wrong.
12. They couldn't deny it as they were caught in the **act**.

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|--|----------------------------|-------------------|
| a. follow  | b. decide on               | c. part of a play |
| d. chosen to play a character                    | e. have a quick look at    |                   |
| f. rigid, with fixed ideas and habits            | g. hard protective plaster |                   |
| h. found doing something wrong                   | i. part of a tennis match  |                   |
| j. behave  | k. group of matching items |                   |
| l. make others feel less certain about something |                            |                   |

6. The words and phrases in colour are formal. Replace each one with the correct form of one of the following phrasal verbs.

get into \* play up \* hype up \* run through \* laze around  
come up with \* bring in \* branch out \* put on \* crack up

1. I like nothing better than.....and watching TV at the weekends.

**relaxing**

2. The DVD is..... again - can you have a look at it? **malfunctioning**

3. Our school..... a play every year. **stages**

4. I need to..... my lines a few times before opening night.

**review**

5. The producers spent hours trying to..... a catchy title for the film. **create**

6. Our film company plans to.....into computer game production.

**diversify**

7. I've.....poetry, although I found it boring at school.

**become quite keen on**

8. The theme tune he wrote still.....income in the form of royalties. **generates**

9. That sitcom..... **causes me to laugh uncontrollably**

10. They..... that movie so much, it's bound to be a let-down. **praised it a lot**

**7. Think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.**

1. It can't be easy to..... a novel for the screen, but the scriptwriter has done a fantastic job.

When Julie first started her job, she found it difficult to..... to her new hectic lifestyle.

The course was designed for managers, but we can..... it for a nonprofessional audience.

2. The..... sunshine made it hard for me to see the screen, so we drew the curtains.

Trudy seemed to be a very..... student, but she never did very well in written tests.

My sister wants to paint our room.....pink, but I think it would be too distracting.

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Had you..... on my advice, you wouldn't have had any problems with the contract.

When I was at university, I.....in several productions with the student theatre group, but I never had a leading role.

5 . Nobody in the office could shed any.....on the mystery of the missing files.

A hand-held torch only produces a faint.....

It was months before Katy saw the..... and decided to look for a new flatmate.

**8. Read the text below and decide which answer best fits each space.**

**THE ULTIMATE IN REALITY TV**

In their attempts to ensure higher (1)..... , TV producers have developed a whole new breed of programmes (2)..... real people. In Europe the most famous of these (3)..... reality TV shows was probably Big Brother, where 12 ordinary people volunteered to live under the watchful eye of TV cameras 24 hours a day. In America, the top show was Survivor, (4).....on a similar concept, in which 16 (5)..... are abandoned on a desert island. But the ultimate example of the (6).....must surely be The Osbournes, first (7).....on MTV in 2002, in which the homelife of rock star Ozzy Osbourne and his family was laid bare to public scrutiny. Osbourne himself was already a (8)..... name as the former lead singer of the highly successful heavy-metal group, Black Sabbath. The show was described as a real-life sitcom because it (9)..... light on Ozzy's softer, more humorous side. It revealed his (10)..... to his teenage kids, even though he was often heard yelling and (11)..... at them. The programme (12)..... millions for the Osbourne family and certainly blurred the boundaries between reality and television.

1. A scores            B levels            C sequences            D ratings
2. A featuring            B focusing            C acting            D hosting
3. A so-called            B alleged            C renowned            D adept
4. A adapted            B hyped            C based            D founded
5. A commentators            B contestants            C censors            D conductors
6. A genre            B role            C style            D creation
7. A played            B dubbed            C cast            D broadcast
8. A common            B known            C household            D domestic
9. A opened            B wound            C shed            D set
10. A conjunction            B devotion            C concentration            D attendance
11. A blurting            B butting            C banning            D swearing
12. A brought in            B came out            C went down            D branched out



**9. Complete each sentence using a verb from A (in the correct form) + a word from B.**

A    be        get        fly        sit  
       break    get        go        speak  
       ~~come~~    get        look     take

B    away    by        on        round  
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1. Sarah is leaving tomorrow and **coming back** on Saturday.
2. I've been standing a long time. I'm going to ..... for a bit.
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11. Complete the sentences. Use these phrasal verbs + **it/them/me**:

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- a. The documentary **focused** on the training professional dancers receive.
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