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## Reality shows



### Let's Think

1. Have you ever watched any reality shows on TV?
2. How are reality shows different from other TV programmes?

You are Kim. You are reading a TV guide about several reality shows.

### Reality Shows on Wave Channel

Are you ready? Wave Channel is happy to present you with a number of unprecedented reality shows starting from next week. All of our shows put real people in real situations, and we do it with a new twist. They are unique, exciting, and will surely keep you watching for more!

#### Jungle Wars

5 (Fridays, 9:00 pm)

What happens when bad kids from the city agree to a lesson in the jungle? Watch eight troubled teens face extreme heat, limited resources and kick their 'friends' out of the game. Who will be the last to stand?



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#### Shop Till You Drop

(Tuesdays to Thursdays, noon)

Every week we give six ambitious shoppers a list of items to buy. They must be smart enough to seek the best price for each item shop by shop. Stay tuned to find out who can get the best deals and take the items home.



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#### Ten Ways to Survive an Exam

(Mondays, 7:30 pm)

Ten gifted students spend day and night studying, aiming to get the best grades in their university entrance exam. They are accommodated in a dormitory to better prepare themselves for one of the biggest tests ever in their lives.



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(194 words)

## Part A

Answer the following questions using the information from the TV guide. Choose the **BEST** answer and blacken **ONE** circle only.

- The reality shows are \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. all filmed indoors  
 B. broadcast on weekdays only  
 C. targeted at teenage viewers  
 D. presented with real people and real situations
- The teens in *Jungle Wars* will \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. live in poor conditions  
 B. encounter wild animals  
 C. kick their friends  
 D. cause a lot of trouble
- In line 15, 'ambitious' can best be replaced by '\_\_\_\_\_'.  
 A. adventurous  
 B. determined  
 C. exciting  
 D. greedy
- People will know \_\_\_\_\_ after watching *Shop Till You Drop*.  
 A. who shops the fastest  
 B. which shop is the most easily accessible  
 C. what items are the most popular among shoppers  
 D. where to buy the cheapest items
- Which reality show(s) is/are **NOT** competitive in nature?  
 A. *Jungle Wars*  
 B. *Ten Ways to Survive an Exam*  
 C. *Shop Till You Drop*  
 D. all of the above

## Grammar Corner

We can use the adjective pattern '**adj + to-infinitive**' to talk about our feelings or opinions about someone or something.

**e.g.** *They must be smart enough to seek the best price for each item shop by shop.*  
(Lines 16-18)

Try to use the given adjectives to describe the noun 'shoppers'. Which one makes the most sense in this context?

## Part B

Answer the following questions using the information from the TV guide. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. Why will the students be accommodated in the dormitory in *Ten Rules to Survive an Exam*?

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2. Find an idiom which has the same meaning as 'keep watching'.

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3. What should the shoppers in *Shop Till You Drop* do before they can take the listed items home?

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4. Which of the mentioned reality shows do you want to watch the most? Give one reason for your answer.

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5. Decide whether each of the following statements is **True**, **False** or the information is **Not Given** in the TV guide. Put a tick (✓) in the correct column.

Statement	True	False	NG
(a) The three reality shows are never shown on any channel other than Wave Channel.			
(b) There can be more than one winner in <i>Jungle Wars</i> .			
(c) The shoppers competing in <i>Shop Till You Drop</i> have to visit more than one shop to compare the prices of the items.			
(d) <i>Jungle Wars</i> and <i>Shop Till You Drop</i> are the productions of Wave Channel.			
(e) The students taking part in <i>Ten Ways to Survive an Exam</i> are top scorers in their schools.			

# Vocabulary Bank

The following are some TV genres. Match them with the correct pictures. One of the words is not used.

- cookery      documentary      drama series      educational  
 game show      news      sitcom      travel      talk show



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## Let's Discuss

- Some people argue that reality shows are not actually real, but carefully scripted. Do you agree?
- Some reality shows are criticised for being too physically demanding for the participants. Why?