

La télévision en anglais

Semaine 1 - Anglais Bases level 2

Texte d'introduction de Ben en anglais :

"Hello Everybody, and welcome to this new lesson on AnglaisBases. Today, we will be talking about television, and in particular, about television in the UK.

Underneath the video, you will find the useful vocabulary, to be able to talk about television and programmes that you have seen on the TV. If you do not understand straight away, do not worry. Alban is here to explain the complicated things to you.

After the conversation, you will find a comprehension test. So that way you can test the things that we have taught you today.

So...Without hesitation, we will start...And good luck !"

TV CONVERSATION :



A : Hi Ben, how are you today ?

B : I'm fine thank you, and you ?

A : I'm well thank you. So can you tell me a bit about television in the UK ? How many channels do you have ?

B : Well, in the UK we have 5 main channels. Firstly, there is the BBC. So you have BBC 1 and BBC 2. These are public channels, so there are no ads.

A : What do you mean by « ads » ?

B : Ads means advertisements, we can also say adverts !

A : OK. So you said there were 5 channels, so what are the other 3 ?

B : Ok, so after the BBC channels, we have ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5. These are private channels, so there are lots of adverts.

A : And, do you only have these 5 channels ?

B : No, there are many more, but you need to have what we call a digi-box. It is a bit like Freebox or Orange box in France. With this you have access to hundreds of extra channels.

A : I have also heard about popular channels such as SKY news or SKY sports. Can you tell us a bit about that ?

B : Yes, that's correct. SKY is the equivalent of CANALSAT in France, so you need to subscribe to have access to these channels.

A : With all these TV channels you can stay glued to the TV all day !

B : Yes, that's what we call a « couch-potato » !

A : What do you mean exactly by « couch-potato » ?

B : Well a couch-potato is someone who sits on the sofa to watch TV all day.

A : Alright. So can you tell me what's on the telly tonight ?

B : Alright then, well tonight there is a very interesting documentary on Channel 4 about special effects in horror movies. If you don't fancy that, there is a popular game-show on ITV called « Who Wants To Be A Millionaire ? ». You have this game-show in France. You call it « Qui Veut Gagner Des Millions ? ».

A : OK, I know this show. So are there any other TV shows that you have in the UK and we have in France ?

B : Yes, there are lots ! For instance you have game-shows such as « Family Fortunes » or « La Famille En Or », there is « The Wheel Of Fortune » or « La Roue De La Fortune », « Countdown » which you call « Des Chiffres Et Des Lettres », and of course there is the « Lottery » which is very similar to the French « Loto ».

A : Do you have any reality TV shows ?

B : Of course, and they are often the same as the ones that you have in France. For example, you have « Loft Story » which is the same as « Big Brother » in the UK. Then there is « Britain's Got Talent » and « Temptation Island » which are the same as « La France A Un Incroyable Talent » and « L'Isle De La Tentation ». But there are many more as well.

A : And what about you, do you have a favourite TV show or Soap-Opera in England ?

B : I don't like Soap-Operas but my favourite TV show is called « Top Gear ». It's a bit like « Turbo » in France but it's much more funny. There are 3 presenters who tests lots of very fast expensive cars and generally do stupid things. In one episode for example, they had to convert 3 cars into boats. Then they had to drive to Dover which is in the south of England and then sail to Calais in France. Only 1 car finished the journey.

A : And what happened to the other 2 cars ?

B : Unfortunately, they sank. So they are now at the bottom of the English Channel!

A : That sounds funny, I must look out for this programme !

B : It's very funny, you have to watch it.

Quelques explications :

Voilà pour cette conversation à propos de la télévision en Angleterre. Avez-vous pu tout comprendre ? Voici quelques explications à propos d'expressions et tournures de phrases qui ont pu vous poser problème :

Expression 1

Can you tell me **a bit** about television in the UK = Peux-tu me parler un peu de la télévision au Royaume Uni. A bit = un petit peu.

Expression 2

Ads = advertisements = adverts = la publicité.

Expression 3

To hear about. (I have heard about au present perfect) = entendre parler de...

Expression 4

To **subscribe** = s'abonner ou souscrire.

Expression 5

To stay glued to the TV all day = rester collé à la télévision toute la journée.

Expression 6

A couch potato = quelqu'un qui reste devant la TV toute la journée.

Expression 7

Telly = télé.

What's on the telly tonight ? = qu'est-ce qu'il y a à la télé ce soir ?

Expression 8

Alright then, ou all right then = OK d'accord.

Alright peut s'utiliser de différentes manières en anglais. Exemple : Are you alright ? = Est-ce que ça va ?

On peut écrire all right ou alright.

Expression 9

If you don't fancy that, there is another programme = Si ça ne te dit pas, il y a un autre programme.

To fancy = avoir (bien) envie de...

Expression 10

Les types d'émission :

Game-show = Jeu télévisé

Reality TV show = Emission de télé-réalité.
Soap-Opera (ou Soap) = feuilleton télévisé

Expression 11

To sail = Faire du bateau (à voile).

A sail = une voile

Expression 12

To sink (au passé sank, et au participe passé sunk) = couler

Expression 13

They are at the bottom of the English Channel = ils sont au fond de la Manche.

English Channel = la Manche.

Test de compréhension

Question 1

I really like science-fiction and western films. But my favourite genre is action movies.

- What is my favourite genre of film ?

→ [Action] movies (or action films)

Question 2

In the game-show Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, hosted by Chris Tarrant, there is only one contestant at a time.

- Who hosts the game-show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" in the UK?

Is it : A, Chris Evans - B, The Queen - C, Barack Obama or D, Chris Tarrant

→ Is that your final answer ? (Est-ce votre dernier mot ?) - The answer of course is D, Chris Tarrant.

Question 3

In English, there are three ways to say Television. The first is obviously television.

- But what are the other two ?

→ TV and telly.

Question 4

Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck are characters from what type of TV show ?

→ They are characters from cartoons.

Question 5

What is this ?



→ It's a remote control (or more simply a remote).

Question 6

Can you tell me what's on the telly at 9:30 tonight please ?



→ At 9:30 tonight it's Top Gear.

General

Broadcast = émission (nom) ou diffuser (verbe); **repeat** = rediffusion (TV) ou répéter (vb); **switch on** = allumer; **switch off** = éteindre; **remote control** = télécommande; **channel** = chaîne; **screen** = écran; **flat screen** = écran plat; **button** = bouton; **volume** = volume; **sound** = son; **turn up** augmenter; **turn down** = baisser (ex: *to turn up the volume* - *to turn down the volume*).

Genre

Drama = drame; **comedy** = comédie; **romantic comedy** = comédie romantique; **horror** = horreur; **science-fiction** = science fiction; **action** = action; **western** = western.

People

Presenter = présentateur; **game-show host** = présentateur/animateur de jeu télévisé; **chat-show host** = animateur d'émission débat ou interview; **contestant** = participant; **actor** = acteur; **actress** = actrice; **director** = metteur en scène; **BBC British Broadcasting Corporation**.

Programmes

TV = **television** = **telly**; **TV programme** (US **TV program**) = programme TV; **show** = émission; **tv show** = émission télévisée; **news** = journal télévisé; **weather** = météo; **reality TV** = télé-réalité; **documentary** = documentaire; **film** = **movie**; **game-show** = jeu télévisé; **chat-show** = interview ou émission débat; **soap- opera** = feuilleton TV; **TV series** = série TV; **cartoon** = dessin animé; **children's TV** = émission pour les enfants; **sport** = sport; **telly-shopping** = télé-shopping.