

In your English class, you have been talking about how television affects children. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay on the following subject:

*Television has both negative and positive effects on children. Do you agree?*

Write your essay.

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I agree with the statement that television has both negative and positive effects on children. But in my opinion negative effects are more numerous than the positive ones, although these latest can be also quite interesting.

I will begin with what can be the beneficial effects on children. If the programmes children are exposed to are suitable for their age (e.g. they have no violent content) they could be beneficial, but only up to a point; a television programme (even though it is a very good one) will never replace the reading of a good book. The content of such programmes must be amusing, even interesting to worth spending time in front of the television.

One example of a beneficial effect of television on children could be learning a foreign language. Since children can learn languages apparently with more ease than adults – as it is proved by linguistics and it comes to terms to everybody – watching television programmes in foreign languages can be intellectually stimulating for them.

On the other hand, the negative effects of television on children are innumerable and serious. For instance, a film with violent content can have disastrous effects on children.

In conclusion, I can say that for their entertainment as well as for their intellectual development it will be better to read a book, play sports, or simply have the company of their parents, brothers and sisters or friends.