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Too much television

A new study suggests that the amount of television young children watch may be directly related to attention problems later in school. They may even suffer a condition known as Attention Deficit Disorder or A.D.D. Experts say that A.D.D. involves an over – stimulation of young developing brains and teachers say many children in the United States are showing signs of the disorder. Some education researchers have believed for years that watching television at a very young age could change the normal development of the brain. For example, they say that children who watch a lot of television are not able to sit and read for an extended period of time, show less ability to listen, pay attention, as well as engage in independent problem solving.

This new study tested the idea that television watching by very young children is linked to attention problems by the age of seven. The findings reported that every hour pre – schoolers watch television increases their chance by about ten percent of developing attention deficit problems than those who watched no television.

One of the researchers said there are other reasons why children should not watch television. Earlier studies have linked it with children becoming too fat and to aggressive. Other experts say the new study is important, but more work needs to be done to confirm the results and better explain the cause and effect.

1. Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.

- It seems that the Attention Deficit Disorder appears when children's brains are not stimulated.
- The new study examined the effect of TV on attention problems in teenagers.

2. In your own words and based on the ideas from the text answer these questions.

- According to the new study, how can watching a lot of television affect children's behaviour?
- Why didn't earlier research encourage the habit of watching television?

3. Find a synonym in the text for the following words or phrases.

- quantity (paragraph 1)
- symptoms (paragraph 1)
- examined (paragraph 2)
- previous (paragraph 3)

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given:

- Thirty year ago, scientist _____ (begin) to study the link _____ aggressive behaviour and television watching.
- "How _____ do you go to the cinema?" I usually go once _____ month"
- Switch _____ the TV now, the news _____ (be) about to start.

Complete the following sentence to report what was said:



d) What will you do when you finish your homework? ___> He asked the girl

5. Write about 100 to 150 words on ONE of the following topics.

- a) Which are our favourite TV programmes? Describe them and explain why you like them:
- b) Do you think the government should control TV programmes? Discuss.

