

➤ Cue Card

Describe a TV programme that you like to watch

You should say:

- **What it is called**
- **What it is about**
- **Who you watch it with**
- **And explain why you like to watch it**

Please Note:

Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.



tricky = difficult; hard

to pick = to choose

at least = not less than

half a dozen = 6 (**a dozen** = 12)

to be perfectly honest = honestly

rarely = not very often

normal TV = in the UK, it is known as Freeview and you can get up 70 free-to-air standard channels, 15 HD channels and around 30 radio services

streaming platforms = an on-demand online entertainment source for TV shows, movies and other streaming media. For example: Hulu, Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, Vimeo, and Sundance Now

C-drama = Chinese drama

my recommendations = on streaming platforms, you get suggestions of what to watch next

to give it a go = to try it

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I imagine it would be classed as a romantic drama, you know, the genre, but I've only watched a couple of episodes so far and there hasn't been any romance yet. The plot focuses on an e-sports team that recruits a female player. This causes a stir because they are an all-male team. She is an amateur player and gets spotted because of her skills and is then asked to join the professional team when a team member gets injured. She agrees, much to her parents' annoyance, and moves into the dorm with her new teammates.

I've been watching it with my sister while she's home from uni. The episodes are only 30 minutes long so we often get through 2-3 a night. I'm not entirely sure how many there are in total, about 30, I guess.

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to be classed as = to be considered as
the genre = the type
so far = up until this time
the plot = the story
to recruit = to employ
to cause a stir = to shock/alarm people
all-male = men only
amateur = not professional
to get spotted = to get noticed
much to (someone's surprise, amazement, annoyance etc) = used to say something that happens that surprises, annoys etc someone a lot
the dorm = dormitory – a place where lots of people live

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I've been watching = present perfect continuous

episode = one unit in a series

to get through = to watch; to finish or use up a large amount or number of something, especially within a short time

I'm not entirely sure = I don't know

in total = all of them added together

to be capable of (doing) something

= to be able to do something

The female lead = the female protagonist

is portrayed = is shown

female representation = how women are shown

series = a set of programmes

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