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Level 0

TV sales fell for the first time ever in U.K.

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1412/141211-television-0.html>

Things are not good for TV makers in the U.K. The number of homes with a TV fell for the first time ever. The number fell from 26.3 million in 2012 to 26 million in 2013 - a fall of 300,000. In 1956, only 30 per cent of homes had a TV in the U.K. This went up to 93 per cent in the 1970s.

The fall in TV ownership is because of tablets, mobile phones and laptops. People now record shows and watch them later on digital devices. About 47% of people watch the BBC iPlayer on tablets or mobiles. It was 25% in 2012. Fifteen per cent of 18-24-year-olds watch TV on a laptop. The U.K. average is 3%.

Sources: <http://www.theguardian.com/media/2014/dec/08/number-uk-homes-tv-falls-first-time-ofcom>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-30392654>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Things are | a. from 26.3 million |
| 2. The number of homes | b. up to 93 per cent |
| 3. the first time | c. 300,000 |
| 4. The number fell | d. with a TV |
| 5. a fall of | e. 1970s |
| 6. only 30 per cent of | f. ever |
| 7. This went | g. not good |
| 8. in the | h. homes had a TV |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The fall in TV | a. in 2012 |
| 2. because of | b. and laptops |
| 3. mobile phones | c. 18-24-year-olds |
| 4. People now record | d. on digital devices |
| 5. watch them later | e. ownership |
| 6. About 47% | f. shows |
| 7. It was 25% | g. tablets |
| 8. Fifteen per cent of | h. of people watch |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Things (1) _____ TV makers in the U.K. The number of homes (2) _____ for the first time ever. The (3) _____ 26.3 million in 2012 to 26 million in 2013 - (4) _____. In 1956, only 30 per cent of homes (5) _____ U.K. This went up to 93 per cent (6) _____.

The fall in TV ownership (7) _____ tablets, mobile phones and laptops. People now (8) _____ watch them later (9) _____. About 47% of people watch the BBC iPlayer on (10) _____. It was 25% in 2012. Fifteen per cent (11) _____ watch TV on a laptop. The U.K. (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

