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- Samantha** Do you watch a lot of TV, Ian?
Ian Well, yes, I suppose so. But I choose carefully what I watch. I don't watch absolutely everything.
Samantha OK. So how do you stop yourself from watching rubbish?
Ian Well, I pick up a TV guide every weekend, look through it, and find out when good things are on. I actually underline things I think I'll like in the guide. I know that sounds ridiculous, but it works for me. There are so many channels these days that you never know what's on unless you really look.
Samantha What type of programmes do you watch then?
Ian Well, how can I put this, not what you watch. So, no reality shows or soap operas. When everybody's getting excited about who's going to win *Pop Idol*, you'll find me enjoying a documentary about insects. Well, maybe not insects, but you know what I mean.
Samantha I do. You watch all the boring stuff that I thought only my grandfather watched!
Ian Well, no. Come on. I didn't say that. Well, OK, I really like the History Channel and stuff. But I'm just as keen on American comedies and programmes about rock music. It's just the really commercial programmes I hate. I don't know how you can stand them.
Samantha Right. Well, in my house we're watching the *Eurovision Song Contest* tonight. What are you going to watch? *Insects in the Garden*? And, ooh, who with? Your grandfather?
Ian Well, actually, as you ask, I'm going to record a really interesting rock profile about Bob Dylan. It's on at nine. And I'll be in the pub with my friends then, so I'll be watching the same programme as everybody else in the country. Who do you think will win? I believe Norway have a good song this year!

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Jim We've got a brand new satellite TV.
Joe Really? So have we.
Jim Oh, right. I thought you didn't have one. Well, anyway, ours is really up-to-date with all the sports and film channels. We couldn't get any major sports with our old one.
Joe Neither could we. We also decided it wasn't worth paying so much to get them this time. But we do have 12 high definition film channels.
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Matt What did you do at the weekend, Stephanie?
Stephanie Dan and I saw Paul Strong at the Comedy Store.
Matt The comedian on the *Late Review* on TV? I've heard he's really funny. Was he any good?
Stephanie Mmm ... Well, he told a lot of jokes which made fun of celebrities, but to be honest, I didn't get a lot of them. My problem is that I don't watch much TV so I had no idea who these people were. Dan laughed until he cried, of course, but he'll laugh at anything. He was still laughing on the way home.
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Rachel Have you ever performed live, Patrick?
Patrick What? You mean, sing and dance on stage?
Rachel Yes.
Patrick Well, actually, I was in a band once. I was bass guitarist, so I just stood at the back not doing very much. It was just after finishing school. But we split up after our third concert, which wasn't surprising actually, as we were complete rubbish.
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Sue Help yourself to another piece of cake, Mike.
Mike Well, I'm not sure I should, to be honest. I'm on a diet.
Sue Oh, go on. A little piece won't hurt.
Mike Actually, I'm full. It's absolutely delicious, of course. But I think I'll wait for dinner. Thanks, anyway.
Sue As you wish. I think I'll have a large piece!
Mike Oh, Sue!
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Ted Which newspaper do you usually read, Diane?
Diane Well, I live with my parents and they get *The Guardian* every day, but I can't say I ever open it. Unlike my father! He reads everything in it. But to me the articles all look so boring. I'll occasionally pick up a copy of *The Sun* if there's a good, interesting headline, but, in general, I don't really like newspapers.