**Discussing Advantages and Disadvantages?**

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To practice your skills at discussing both advantages and disadvantages, you will examine media, advertising and shopping.

Study this essay question: TV ownership has increased dramatically in many parts of the world. Although many people believe TV has many more benefits than drawbacks, there are others who think TV has had negative effects on our lives. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the increase in TV ownership.

Activity 1: Introduction

Read the information about the evolution of television. Complete the final sentence in an appropriate way.

*There is evidence that, in many parts of the world, leisure time has increased in recent decades. AT the same time, there has been a rise in the ownership of televisions, with many families having more than one set. There has also been a growth in cable and satellite broadcasting, with a corresponding increase in the type and variety of programmes available. Consumers have come to expect that they will be able to find a TV programme to suit their personal preferences, at any time of day or night. The evolution of television has implications for the way we live. For example, children may have their own TV sets in their bedrooms and………*

**Activity 2: Planning your Essay**

In the table below, plan your essay be listing 5 advantages and 5 disadvantages.

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| **Advantages** | **Disadvantages** |
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**Activity 3: Pull it all together**

Write 250 on the advantages and disadvantages of the increase in TV ownership.

You may choose to practice these skills a bit more. Try doing activities 1 and 2 with this question: What can be done to reduce crime in today’s world?