

It goes without saying that mass media has become an integral part of modern people's life. People live with a constant necessity of getting new information. They may communicate with one another or just use the immense space of means of communication. People need information in order to keep up with the whole world around them — with new trends of life, discoveries and inventions. We live to learn news; we breathe and live with this.

Let's concentrate on television. As we know, it appeared much later than such kinds of mass media as radio, newspapers and magazines. However, watching television has two sides: not only advantages but also disadvantages.

On the one hand, TV keeps people informed of current events; TV gives us wonderful possibilities for education.

The second advantage of watching television is that it gives families an opportunity to spend some time together. Watching TV helps us to relax and forget about it all — work, worries and problems that are on our mind.

Moreover, television is a great source of entertaining. Every day there is a wide choice of films and serials on TV. Also you can always see it on DVD or download it in the Internet.

However, watching television has its negative side. It is well-known that television may turn to be harmful for our health. Spending too much time in front of a TV screen may affect our eyesight badly. There are many cases when children become TV-addicted. Many children nowadays would rather spend a day glued to a TV-set than go outdoors to play.

The radio is turned on most of the time, creating a permanent background noise. In fact it does not interfere with your activities. I can easily listen to the radio while doing Math, peeling potatoes or doing something else.

Millions of people in their spare time read newspapers. Most newspapers contain news, detailed articles on home and international affairs, reviews of book and TV-shows. Many of them cover sport events.

In summary all kinds of mass media can save us a lot of time, money and efforts, keeping people aware of what is happening in the world around us.