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It has been believed that people reading for pleasure have developed better imagination and language skills than people who prefer to watch TV. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

In the age of satellite dishes, cable television and syndicated channels, television has become very common in almost every part of the world. Even in the poorest and least developed countries, people can easily watch television shows and movies made in America and Europe and as a result, a lot of people are spending more time in front of television. I strongly agree with the point that people who are habitual readers develop a far better mental capacity than those who watch television for longer hours. I will discuss the reasons in this essay.

The main reason why readers develop better mental skills is because while watching television, you tend to use a very limited portion of your mental faculties. This is because watching television is a very effortless process and with little mental input, it is ~~possible~~ easy to follow the story line of what you are watching. Reading, however, requires a lot of effort, not only should you form words from letters but also you should visualize and makes sense in your head of what you are reading. This helps ~~for~~ people to have better developed mental skills such as imagination and concentration.

Reading not only helps you develop your mental skills but also your vocabulary as well. People who frequently read have better language skills as reading exposes you to a broader range of ~~vocabulary~~ies that you don't normally find ~~in~~ from watching television. This in turn helps you develop better writing skills, which in itself is a major mental exercise. Reading and writing always go hand in hand feeding on and reinforcing each other. As people read more and more they develop the skills of expressing themselves in writing which in itself helps them to further develop their mental skills.

In conclusion, while watching television is like a spoon feeding process with little ~~or no feedback from the receiver~~, reading is a different experience. ~~Readers are fully involved~~ in the whole reading experience and in the process develop their mental and language skills.

Comment [z1]: "possible" doesn't really work unless you will say it is "impossible" with books

Comment [z2]: Vocabulary is uncountable

Comment [z3]: "in TV shows"

Comment [z4]: I don't think you get this from reading either!

Comment [z5]: I think passive is needed here (object + "be" + past participle)

Grade Criteria	Estimated Grade	Comments

Task response	8	You have a clear position throughout your essay. Your position is well supported by logical main points. Occasionally the development of ideas may not be completely appropriate. For instance the “no feedback from the receiver”
Cohesion and coherence	8	The overall structure of the essay is excellent. Each paragraph has a key central topic.
Vocabulary	8	Vocabulary is uncountable
Grammar	8-9	Very minor errors with prepositions
overall	8	This is an excellent essay. I have been forced to give mostly positive feedback! There are only a few minor errors (for, from).



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