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Watching television is a popular issue that the majority of parents are concerned about. For some parents, watching television may bring negative effects to their children and therefore they prohibit their children to watch. Others think TV programs bear a good source for children to gain new knowledge. In my opinion, negative effects outweigh the benefits. Most importantly, it would be better with parents' company while children are watching television.

Children love watching TV and even imitate the characters. For instance, some girls love cartoons about fairies, princesses, or adorable animals. They might pretend the role in the story as having magic. Similarly, some boys like cartoons that have super heroes, robots, cars or aliens. Boys might think of themselves as a super hero beating bad guys and the most evil monster in the world. Therefore, TV program may give an opportunity for children to imitate. It is fine for children to imitate their favorite characters, but what if they learn something bad from the cartoon and harm others or themselves. Boys might learn some violent actions from the cartoons. To protect their children from learning violence on TV, parents should be with their children while watching TV and are also responsible for stopping their improper actions.

Take one popular TV program, "Spongebob" for example, children learn by mocking his speaking way. Because Spongebob is speaking in a strange way and not pronouncing words correctly, most of parents prohibit their children watching it. For children, this is a serious problem about watching TV.

Some parents think watching TV is a faster way for children to learn. Children can absorb new knowledge naturally. Some program can also inspired children's creativity and improve their imagination. For instance, a program in Disney channel called "Art Attack" is a good example. In the story, there is a theme in each volume, and the host makes some handicrafts and demonstrates them step by step. In addition, the program also teaches us some drawing skills. Program-watchers usually get interested in making handicrafts because of the beautiful drawing and pictures. In this example, watching TV can also push children to learn.

There are various kinds of TV programs nowadays. They provide lots of information, but not all of them are reliable. Children are like sponges. They absorb all the information they get but not knowing if it is right or wrong. It is necessary that parents should accompany their children while watching TV. Parents need not to forbid their children watching television, but choosing proper program is important.