

## IELTS Grammar Worksheet - WEEK 5

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**1 Read the following essay. Find seven places where you can add may, can or can't to soften the verbs.**

**Children can be adversely affected by the influence of television. To what extent do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.**

Almost every family has a television these days, and many children watch a whole range of programmes every day. Some people believe that television is harmful to children, saying that it influences behaviour in a negative way.

There are a lot of programmes on television that are not educational and that contain violence and bad language. However, watching violence on television encourages violent behaviour in children. This is true in cases of children who have already exhibited violent tendencies, but it isn't true of all children, otherwise we would have an epidemic of child crime. It is also argued that bad language on television encourages the same in children. Nevertheless, overall I believe that restricting children's television viewing to mainly educational programmes shown at a time of day when there is no violence or bad language will overcome any risks of television being a bad influence.

**2 Try using modal verbs learned in class to answer the IELTS speaking questions below.**

Part 1 & 3

Why do people like music?

What will your hometown be like in the future?

Who should take care of children?

Part 2

Describe your dream home.

### Answer Key

1 Almost every family has a television these days, and many children watch a whole range of programmes every day. Some people believe that television **can be** harmful to children, saying that it **may/can influence** behaviour in a negative way.

There are a lot of programmes on television that are not educational and that contain violence and bad language. However, watching violence on television **can/may encourage** violent behaviour in children. This **may be** true in cases of children who have already exhibited violent tendencies, but it **can't be** true of all children, otherwise we would have an epidemic of child crime. It is also argued that bad language on television

**can/may encourage** the same in children.

Nevertheless, overall I believe that restricting children's television viewing to mainly educational programmes shown at a time of day when there is no violence or bad language **may** overcome any risks of television being a bad influence.