

Exercise 1: Match the words with their definitions.

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| 1. thrive | a. to exist or start developing because of something |
| 2. arise | b. to laugh quietly, especially at something that is rude or at something unpleasant that has happened to someone |
| 3. deadpan | c. a flower on a tree, or all the flowers on a tree |
| 4. snigger | d. pretending to be serious when you are really joking |
| 5. stitches | e. a sharp pain in the side of your body that you sometimes feel when you are running |
| 6. blossom | f. to become very successful, happy, or healthy |
| 7. a flop | g. if a play, film, or new product flops, it is completely unsuccessful |

Exercise 2: Fill in the gaps:

House Husbands is an Australian television comedy drama (1) _____. Created by Ellie Beaumont and Drew Proffitt, the show (2) _____ on the Nine Network on 2 September 2012. Set in Melbourne, *House Husbands* stars Firass Dirani, Gyton Grantley, Rhys Muldoon and Gary Sweet as four fathers who stay at home to (3) _____ their children. The series also focuses on their (4) _____ families and friends. In 2013, *House Husbands* won Most Popular Drama Series at the 2013 Logie Awards.

Friends is an American television (5) _____, created by David Crane and Marta Kauffman, which originally (6) _____ on NBC from September 22, 1994, to May 6, 2004, lasting ten seasons. It revolves (7) _____ a circle of friends living in Manhattan.

Mr. Bean is a British sitcom (8) _____ by Rowan Atkinson and Richard Curtis, and starring Atkinson in the title role. Atkinson (9) _____-wrote all fifteen episodes with either Curtis, Robin Driscoll, or both, with Ben Elton co-writing the pilot. Based on a (10) _____ originally developed by Atkinson while he was studying for his master's (11) _____ at Oxford University, the series follows the exploits of Mr. Bean, described by Atkinson as "a child in a grown man's body", in solving (12) _____ problems presented by everyday tasks and often causing disruption in the process. Bean rarely speaks, and the largely physical (13) _____ of the series is derived from his interactions with other people and his unusual solutions to situations. The series was influenced by physical (14) _____ such as Jacques Tati and comic actors from silent films.

Answers

Task 1: 1-f, 2-a, 3-d, 4-b, 5-e, 6-c, 7-g

Task2:

1. Series
2. Debuted
3. Raise
4. Interconnected
5. Sitcom
6. Aired
7. Around
8. Created
9. Co-
10. Character
11. Degree
12. Various
13. Humour
14. Performers

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<http://www.thelondonfilmreview.com/articles/10-great-british-comedies-2013/>

Classic British comedy:

Monty Python

Fawlty Towers

Blackadder

Have I got news for you?

8 out of 10 cats

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Would I lie to you?

The IT Crowd

The Office (with Ricky Gervais)

Extras

Mitchell and Webb

Peep Show