

How Television Has Changed

You really have to get very old before you realize you're old. I'm in my middle fifties and I don't feel old yet. However, sometimes I look back at my childhood and ___1___ things to the way life is for ___2___ kids. Some things have certainly changed.

One area of change is television. Some changes have been improvements. Some changes, on the other hand, have been ___3___.

When I started school, most people didn't have a television; TV was just beginning to get ___4___. My father decided to go all out and buy a 16 inch black and white Motorola set. I still remember watching the Lone Ranger save people from the ___5___ guys on that awesome electronic machine. That was exciting!

Now, ___6___ have larger pictures in full color. The pictures are clearer and the sound is much more realistic. The new high definition sets are made to rival ___7___ screens.

The variety and quantity of programming has ___8___ greatly. There are hundreds of channels and more shows than one person could ever watch. There are many fine entertainment and educational ___9___. There's also a lot of garbage, stuff that most parents don't want their kids exposed to. Overall, we have more choices, and that is good.

I wonder what ___10___ will be like when today's kids are my age.

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1. forget / remember / compare / miss
2. today's / yesterday's / tomorrow's / poor
3. great / huge / setbacks / remarkable
4. gone / replaced / expensive / popular
5. old / good / bad / best
6. films / movies / billboards / televisions
7. movie / video / watch / telephone
8. loss / increased / decreased / played
9. books / shows / authors / awards
10. movies / food / cars / television

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