Word formation and collocations

Use of English practice — the same task type as in your exam. Work alone first, then compare with a partner.

Part A — Word formation

Write the correct form of the word in CAPITALS in each gap.

#	Sentence	Word
1	The _____ of the telephone changed the world.	**INVENT**
2	Philo Farnsworth was a young _____ from Idaho.	**INVENT**
3	Television is a form of _____ and entertainment.	**COMMUNICATE**
4	The story was _____ — nobody lives like that.	**REAL**
5	The last episode was really _____.	**GRIP**
6	The actor was totally _____ as a detective.	**CONVINCE**
7	This cartoon is very _____ — the animals can fly.	**IMAGINE**
8	The special effects were _____.	**SPECTACLE**
9	I don't let my little brother watch _____ films.	**VIOLENCE**
10	The plot was so _____ that I didn't understand the ending.	**CONFUSE**

Part B — Collocations

Complete each phrase with ONE word from the box — each word is used exactly once. Then write two of the phrases in your own sentences.

Word box: bulletin, date, drama, forecast, headlines, live, over, remote, show, subtitles

#	Phrase	#	Phrase
1	turn ____ (= change channels)	6	a news ____
2	stay up to ____	7	a period ____
3	read the ____ (= titles of news stories)	8	watch a match ____ (as it happens)
4	a weather ____	9	click the ____ (to turn the TV on)
5	a talent ____	10	watch a film with ____ (the words at the bottom)

Part C — Speaking

In groups of three, answer with at least three sentences. Use the words from today's list — underline them in your notes.

1. How do you think television has changed the world?
2. Do you think it will still be important in the future? Why? / Why not?
3. Which kind of programme do you never watch? Why? Use the adjectives in C.
4. Plan a TV evening for your family: choose three programmes and explain your choice.

Answer key (teacher's copy)

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Part A: 1. invention; 2. inventor; 3. communication; 4. unrealistic; 5. gripping; 6. convincing; 7. imaginative; 8. spectacular; 9. violent; 10. confusing

Part B: 1. over; 2. date; 3. headlines; 4. forecast; 5. show; 6. bulletin; 7. drama; 8. live; 9. remote; 10. subtitles