

REVIEW: NETFLIX

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WARM-UP QUESTION: *Discuss the following question with your partner(s).*

What do you do to relax or have fun?

VOCABULARY: *Match the following vocabulary words with a description. Use a dictionary if you need to.*

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| 1. Potential | a) a small picture |
| 2. Interface | b) a TV show that is worth watching many episodes of consecutively |
| 3. Thumbnail | c) at the same time |
| 4. Scroll | d) too large or powerful to think about or deal with |
| 5. Genre | e) to be the most common part of something |
| 6. Bingeworthy | f) possible |
| 7. Overwhelming | g) a type or style of book, music, or film |
| 8. Paralyzed | h) the layout of the screen |
| 9. Simultaneously | i) unable to move |
| 10. Dominate | j) to move through information on a screen to see different parts of it |

For many, Netflix is the original streaming service. It has been joined by competitors such as Hulu and Disney Plus, but Netflix remains the first choice for people wanting instant access to a library of television shows and movies. Despite its popularity, there are still plenty of potential viewers that might be wondering, *what's Netflix like?*

Netflix can be accessed through a smart device or computer - you just need an internet connection. The interface is made up of attractive thumbnails, like miniature_ movie posters, and users can scroll to the right to see more titles, or down to see different categories. Some of the categories match traditional genres, such as 'Futuristic Sci-Fi', but they also collect titles together in groups like 'Bingeworthy TV Shows' and 'Oscar-winning International Movies'. The amount of content is overwhelming, and more is added every week. Some users report feeling paralyzed by choice.

Membership comes at various prices, the highest of which allows viewing on multiple screens simultaneously and with higher quality video (Ultra HD). Users can create a profile and save the

content they want to watch to their "My List". The streaming is generally smooth, but if you have slow internet, you can download before watching.

American content dominates Netflix, but there is plenty of international content too, along with subtitles for local languages and usually English. Netflix is available in most countries now, so if you would like to try it, all you need to do is visit their site to join up.

Source: latimes.com
 For source links, see the review on ESLNewsStories.com

WORD FORMS: Fill in different forms for the vocabulary from the article. Use a dictionary if you need to. Where there is an **x**, the word is uncommon, has a different meaning, or doesn't exist. Sometimes there are multiple possible answers, and sometimes the adjective form is a past or present participle.

VERB	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB	NOUN
x	potential		
scroll		x	
binge		x	
	overwhelming		
	paralyzed		
dominate			

ACTIVITY: Answer the following questions and then compare your answers with your partner(s).

1. Complete this table by writing in some positive and negative things about the reviewed product.

Pros	Cons

2. What do you know about the appearance of the product?

3. Which words from the review describe functions or abilities?

COMPLETE: *Re-order the following sentences. You should capitalize certain words and add punctuation.*

1. competitor / is / netflix / a / hulu / to

2. content / you / download / can / watching / before

DISCUSSION: *Discuss the following questions with your partner(s). Try to speak in sentences and ask follow-up questions.*

1. What is the last television show or movie that you watched? How was it?
2. What's your favorite genre of movie? Why do you like it?
3. Do you use Netflix? How is it? If not, are you interested in trying it?
4. How is your internet? Is it reliable? Is it fast?
5. How do you feel about using subtitles to understand a show? Is it annoying to have to read? Are the subtitles distracting?
6. Is watching shows in English a good way to improve your English?
7. Do you binge watch television series? What's good and bad about binge watching?
8. Is having too many options ever a problem for you? Have you felt paralyzed by choice?
9. Do you care about video quality? Can you watch an old television comfortably?
10. Watching a screen for too long isn't good for our eyes. What should we do instead?

RESEARCH : *Read or watch more about this product. Write several pieces of information in the form of a list in English. Share what you learned with your partner(s) when you next meet.*

