

### Module 2 Important firsts

- 1 What TV firsts can you remember from Module 2?
  - a Who was the first person to appear on TV?
  - b Who invented the first 'electronic' TV?
  - c When did the BBC make its first TV programmes?
  - d What nationality was the first TV chef?
  - e What was the first TV advert for?
  - f When did colour TV come to Europe?

Now check your answers with page 16 of the Students' Book.

- 2 You are going to find out some firsts in American TV history by looking at a webpage about television. Type in: [www.tvhistory.tv](http://www.tvhistory.tv).
- 3 When the main page appears, click on the FAQ box at the top of the page. Scroll down until you see a list of **FIRST QUESTIONS**. Read the **General instructions** at the top of the page then scroll down the page to find the answers to the questions below:
  - a When was the first picture on electronic TV?
  - b What was America's first mechanical television station?
  - c Which company sold the first electronic television in the USA?
  - d When did the first remote control appear?
  - e Who presented the first game show on American television?
  - f What did the first TV newscaster report?
  - g How many people saw the first heavyweight fight on TV?
  - h What was the first dramatic programme on TV in America?

- 4 Now browse the rest of the website and write down three more interesting firsts below:

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Compare your information with your partner.

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## PRE-INTERMEDIATE

### TEACHER'S NOTES:

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**Aim:** For students to use the Internet to find information in English about TV firsts. This webquest also revises past tenses.

**Time:** Approximately 45 minutes.

**Materials:** Photocopies of the corresponding worksheet for each student.

- 1 Students discuss the questions with their partners, then check their answers with page 16.
  - a Who was the first person to appear on TV? **William Taynton**
  - b Who invented the first 'electronic' TV? **Vladimir Zworykin**
  - c When did the BBC make its first TV programmes? **In 1936**
  - d What nationality was the first TV chef? **French - Marcel Boulestin**
  - e What was the first TV advert for? **A Bulova clock**
  - f When did colour TV come to Europe? **In the 1960s**
- 2 Tell students they are going to find some important firsts in American television by looking at a webpage. Check that students have found the correct page.
- 3 Checked students have clicked on **FAQ** to take them to the questions page. Tell students to read and follow the **General instructions** at the top of the page as some of the answers are near the end of the pages. Students scroll down the page to find the areas they are looking for with each question.
  - a When was the first picture on electronic TV? **Sept. 7, 1927**
  - b What was America's first mechanical television station? **W3XK**
  - c Which company sold the first electronic television in the USA? **DuMont**
  - d When did the first remote control appear? **In 1948**
  - e Who presented the first game show on American television? **Ralph Edwards**
  - f What did the first TV newscaster report? **Farm, weather reports**
  - g How many people saw the first heavyweight fight on TV? **140,000**
  - h What was the first dramatic programme on TV in America? **The Queen's Messenger**
- 4 Give students time to browse the rest of the site for three other interesting firsts. Students can compare their firsts with their partners.