

Subject: Classic Sitcoms**1. True or False?**

- a. *I Love Lucy* was a British sitcom.
- b. *I Love Lucy* debuted in the 1960s.
- c. The main characters of *Steptoe and Son* were rag and bone men.
- d. Rowan Atkinson starred in *Blackadder*.
- e. The American adaptation of *The Office* first aired in 2005.

Answer Key: a. false; b. false; c. false; d. true; e. true

2. Match the words with their synonyms.

cornerstone, gripping, pioneer, impact, originally

- a. trailblazer
- b. foundation
- c. initially
- d. captivating
- e. influence

Answer Key: a. pioneer; b. cornerstone; c. originally; d. gripping; e. impact

3. Fill in the correct word. For each pair of sentences, use the same word twice.

bridge, bonds, appeal, landmark, trials

- a. *Friends* is celebrated for its relatable _____ of adulthood in '90s New York City.
The new flu vaccine is still undergoing clinical _____.
- b. The show's impact stems from its humorous yet sensitive portrayal of life, addressing themes like financial struggles and family _____.
In the process, the neutral molecule _____ to the atom.
- c. Its minimalist setting and poignant character interactions led to its lasting _____.
I watched the show, but it didn't _____ to me.
- d. Trying to understand the nuances of humour in a different language can sometimes feel like a _____ too far.
The government is trying to _____ the gap between the rich and the poor.
- e. First aired in 1962, *Steptoe and Son* was a _____ in British sitcom history.
Just when I was about to say I was lost, I noticed a _____ on top of the hill.

Answer Key: a. trials; b. bonds; c. appeal; d. removed; e. landmark

4. Complete each sentence with one fitting word.

- a. The show follows the lives Derek and Rodney, in their quest ___ become millionaires.
- b. *Blackadder* is celebrated ___ one of Britain's most iconic and innovative sitcoms.
- c. The final season is renowned for its powerful finale _____ merges comedy with sombre reflections on war.
- d. The show featured an ensemble cast led ___ Ted Danson.
- e. Recently, *Friends* experienced a resurgence, attracting a new, younger audience _____ platforms like Netflix.

Answer Key: a. to; b. as; c. that; d. by; e. through

5. Find the odd word out. Explain your choice.

- a. aspiring, progressive, humour, forward-looking
- b. cast, 35mm film, studio audience, growth
- c. mundane, welcoming, clumsy, awkward
- d. mockumentary, review, sitcom, comedy

Answer Key: a. humour – not an adjective; b. growth – unrelated to film production techniques; c. welcoming – the only positive adjective; d. review – not a genre

6. Form adjectives from nouns found in the article.

example: renown - renowned

- a. humour - _____
- b. impact - _____
- c. comedy - _____
- d. friend - _____
- e. America - _____

Answer Key: a. humorous/humorous; b. impactful/impactless; c. comedic; d. friendly/unfriendly; e. American