

TV Fantasy vs Reality Worksheet

Read through the article "As Seen on TV" and answer the following questions about what you're reading. Once you're finished with the article, answer question 20 with your own thoughts.

1. True or False. In TV, many of the occupations they portray don't exist.
2. What percentage of U.S. Workers during the 1990s held jobs such as Lawyers, Doctors, and Law Enforcement versus what was portrayed on the TV shows?
A. 10% B. 20% C. 25% D. 40% E. 50%
3. "The Primary goal of almost all television shows is to _____."
4. True or False. Medical dramas seem realistic because for the most part they are.
5. Medical dramas are often set in the Emergency Room, but that is not where most of the personnel really work. What percentage of medical doctors worked emergency rooms in 2001?
A. 1% B. 5% C. 3% D. 2% E. 10%
6. True or False. TV nurses don't perform the same tasks as real life nurses.
7. In 2000, there were nearly _____ registered nurses in the U.S.
8. Nurses prepare for their occupation by earning what? (List the three options mentioned in the article).
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
9. TV Crime Fighters get resolution for their one case within the hour of their show.
 - a. Does that happen in real life?
 - b. How many cases could one investigator be working on?
 - c. How long could it take to solve?
10. When police are on duty, how much of their time is spent writing reports?
A. 10-30% B. 20-40% C. 30-50% D. 40-60% E. Less than 10%

11. Eligibility for becoming a Police Officer or Detective varies. Name 3 options.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

12. What is a difference between Crime Scene Investigators and a Forensic Scientist?

13. True or False. All the equipment seen on TV shows used in real life.

14. What does Moses Schanfield suggest people do if they are interested in crime scene and forensic occupations?

15. Name one difference between TV Lawyers and actual Lawyers.

16. True or False. Some Lawyers have never been in a courtroom or even know where the courthouse is.

17. In 2000, _____ many Lawyers were employed in the U.S. and they earned an average of _____ a year in 2002.

18. Real Lawyers have a combined _____ years of full-time school plus a _____ degree and a _____ degree.

19. Name 3 methods of career research;

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

20. Out of the occupations mentioned in the article, which could you see yourself doing? Why?

Which of the occupations could you **not** see yourself doing? Why?