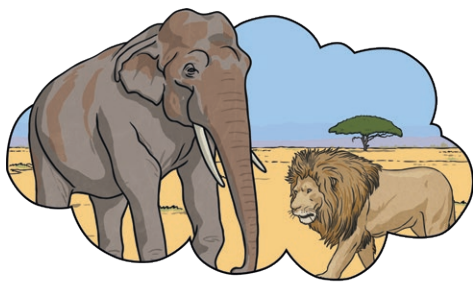


Television is Educational

Because there is an excellent range of quality children's programs, everyone now agrees that television has many educational benefits. Children are able to learn many skills that they would in school like reading, writing and counting, as well as learning about the world around them because of the great coverage we get from news reporters and television broadcasts.

Firstly, I believe that children are able to develop many skills often learnt at school from television. Play School and Sesame Street are just some of the popular children's shows that teach numeracy and literacy skills. In addition to this, children are able to watch programmes, which dramatize classic children's fiction. "Misery Guts", by Morris Gleitzman, is currently being viewed by children throughout Australia. Not only do they learn about the world around them, but they are also introduced to some great authors and literature.



Secondly, it is without a doubt that television allows children to learn about the world around them. Some children are fortunate enough to travel with their families, however, not all have the opportunity to see these places. We would have had to rely heavily on pictures, newspaper articles and radio broadcasts, which of course would take a lot longer to reach us and wouldn't be as thorough. Documentaries are a great way to teach children about the world around them. For example, a documentary on the most dangerous African animals is able to be enjoyed by children even though they may not actually be able to travel to Africa. The child is able to watch these animals at a close range without actually being there in person.

To sum up, I most certainly feel that television provides a range of educational opportunities for children.