

Is television A Bad Influence On **Children**?



The television has become such an integral part of homes in the modern world that it is hard to imagine life without television. **Children** love to watch TV and prefer to stay “glued” to the TV screen all day, rather than playing outside. In some countries , 47% of children ages 2 to 18 years have a television set in their bedrooms. On a typical day, they spend on average of 5.5 hours using media, including television, computer games and the Internet (Kaiser Family Foundation, 2001). *Although television is loved by children and has helped them a lot, it has influenced them in a negative way. (Thesis Statement)*

(B1) With the increased rate of working parents, most children come home from school and are left alone or with a babysitter who may not care what the children watch on TV. With no supervision nearby, children may end up watching shows with violence and bad language. Children that view such shows are likely to fear that the world is scary or that something bad will happen to them. Furthermore, the children will start to show aggressive behavior or start to behave like what they see on TV.

(B2) Second, as the children have no self-discipline, they do not have any choice of their own to decide upon watch and how long to watch television. They would rather watch something

entertaining than a documentary about nature or history for example. They would rather watch the latest "Rambo" movie which is.....