

Read the article about sitcoms and fill the gaps with a verb in its correct form.

change	expect	rename	broadcast	know
return	adapt	happen	reborn	become

Sitcoms

Sitcoms – or situation comedies – follow a special format. They are usually thirty minutes long and they are (1) weekly. Lots of things (2) in those thirty minutes but at the end of each episode nothing ever (3) Situations are usually based around family life or the relationships between a group of fellow workers. As spectators (4) again and again to their favourite sitcoms, they get to (5) the characters and (6) familiar with their situation. Humour in sitcoms is character driven so very often characters will have catch phrases or one line gags that regular audiences will (7) to hear episode after episode.

Sitcoms started life on the radio in the USA in 1926 with *Sam'n'Henry*, later (8) *Amos'n'Andy*. In the 1940s the sitcom was one of the first formats to be (9) for the medium of television. Subgenres of sitcoms include animated sitcoms like *The Flintstones*, musical sitcoms such as *The Monkees* and sci-fi sitcoms like *Red Dwarf*. In the 1990s animated sitcoms were (10) with *The Simpsons*, the longest running sitcom in US history.

Recently two British TV channels conducted opinion polls to find out the most popular sitcoms of all time. According to the BBC poll, the top three sitcoms are *Only Fools and Horses*, *Blackadder* and *The Vicar of Dibley*. Channel Four's top three are *Frasier*, *Fawlty Towers* and *Seinfeld*.

Now watch a clip of one of the sitcoms mentioned in the text.

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