

ENGLISH 3

EXERCISE 5

Fill in the verbs in the correct form using either the ing-form or the infinitive with or without to.

SWEDISH INFINITIVES

Seventy-five million US households have at least one television set; one out of every three has more than one. Such a powerful presence must (1) have a strong influence on the thoughts of the people. The question of (2) show violence on TV has been discussed a lot lately. Let us (3) begin by (4) give an example.

A couple of years ago heavily armed men succeeded in (5) occupy three downtown buildings in Washington, DC, and held 134 people hostage. They threatened (6) kill some of the hostages unless the authorities were willing (7) accept their demands. Millions of people were able (8) follow the drama live as radio and television reporters kept (9) cover the incident all the time. TV viewers could (10) see the police (11) try (12) solve the terrible situation. Finally, the men were made (13) surrender and they let the hostages (14) leave without (15) hurt any of them.

Another similar scene on TV made people (16) start (17) talk about TV's impact on us. A man was seen (18) hold a loaded shotgun to the head of an official in Indianapolis. The man warned the police not (19) interfere, or else he wouldn't hesitate (20) pull the trigger. The police could do nothing but (21) wait. TV companies went on (22) send live news

confidential [kɒnfi'denʃl] hemlig, konfidentiell
incident [ɪnsɪdə] händelse
masked [mɑːskt] maskerad
occupy [ɒkjupaɪ] ockupera
hostage [hɒstɪdʒ] gisslan
solve [sɒlv] lösa

surrender [sə'rendə] ge sig, kapitulera
impact [ɪmpækt] inflytande, effekt
load [ləʊd] ladda
shotgun gevär
Indianapolis [ɪndiə'næpəlɪs]
interfere [ˌɪntə'fɪə] blanda sig i
trigger [trɪɡə] avtryckare (på skjutvapen)

coverage for many hours. The man didn't stop (23) threat his victim before he was allowed (24) express his dissatisfaction to a wide TV audience.

All one seemed (25) need (26) get on TV was a gun and a knowledge of how the media work. A great number of people, TV directors among them, are having second thoughts about (27) cover terrorist or criminal acts in the news. It is dangerous (28) get used to (29) accept violence. It is obvious that what is being shown is also being imitated. Television sells breakfast food. Why shouldn't it (30) sell violence?