Glued to the screen

Idiom of the month

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1. **Tick four activities that teenagers really like doing.**

- playing video games
- surfing the Internet
- taking the rubbish out
- watching videos online
- cleaning their bedroom
- using social networks

2a. **Read**

Jada, come and clean your bedroom please.

You’re glued to that phone screen. You’re always watching something. Put it down!

OK mum!!!

2b. **Complete**

Sam is .................................................................................................................. and doesn’t hear his mum come home from work.

*When someone is completely absorbed in looking at a video or film, we say they are 'glued to the screen', or the object they are watching on, for example the TV.*
3. Read these idioms. Match each idiomatic phrase (a – d) to the correct definition (1 – 4).

a. Lola saw the car coming but she was **glued to the spot**.
   1. ... watching with attention ...

b. Poor Jack. His little brother is always **glued to his side** and he can’t go anywhere on his own.
   2. ... absorbed by what is on the screen ...

c. Their eyes were **glued to the sky** watching the lunar eclipse.
   3. ... unable to move ...

d. Veronica’s sister spends all afternoon **glued to the screen** playing videogames.
   4. ... with him ...

4. Complete these sentences with an idiom from exercise 3.

a. Jeremy’s ........................................ were ........................................ the lead singer of his favourite band on stage. He was so excited to be at the concert tonight!

b. Sarah was so scared when she saw the enormous spider crawling across her bed that she was ........................................ ........................................ ........................................................................................................................................

c. My little brother is always in trouble because he spends every afternoon ........................................ ........................................................................................................................................

...........................................watching football videos instead of doing his homework.

d. Daisy is very shy. She is always ........................................ to her mum’s ........................................ whenever they go anywhere.
Teacher's Notes

1. Tick:
   ✓ playing video games
   ✓ watching videos online
   ✓ using social networks
   ✓ surfing the Internet

2b. Complete

   Sam is **glued to the screen** (or **phone, tablet, TV, etc.**) and doesn't hear his mum come home from work.

3. Match each idiomatic phrase to the correct definition.
   a 3  b 4  c 1  d 2

4. Complete the sentences with an idiom from exercise 3.
   a. **eyes** were **glued to**
   b. **glued to the spot**
   c. **glued to the screen**
   d. **glued** to her mum's **side**

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