

# 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.

OK mum!!!

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

## 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).**

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| a. Lola saw the car coming but she was <b>glued to the spot</b> .                                        | 1. ... watching with attention ...           |
| b. Poor Jack. His little brother is always <b>glued to his side</b> and he can't go anywhere on his own. | 2. ... absorbed by what is on the screen ... |
| c. Their <b>eyes</b> were <b>glued to</b> the sky watching the lunar eclipse.                            | 3. ... unable to move ...                    |
| d. Veronica's sister spends all afternoon <b>glued to the screen</b> 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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