

VIOLENCE and the MEDIA

Media such as movies and video games are attractive to children. However, they often contain violent scenes. As a result, some experts are asking the government to control such scenes more strictly. By doing so, they are trying to make better environment for children. Although there are many kinds of entertainment today, we have to be careful about their influence.

Your story should begin with this sentence: One day, Ken's parents went to a store to buy a birthday present for Ken.



QUESTIONS

No. 1 According to the passage, how are some experts trying to make a better environment for children?

No.2 Now, please look at the picture and describe the situation. You have 20 seconds to prepare. Your story should begin with the sentence on the card.

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Please begin.

Now, Mr./Ms. _____, please do not look at the picture.

No. 3 Some people say that the number of people who go to movie theatres will decrease in the future. what do you think about that?

No. 4 These days, many families in Japan have pets. Do you think it is good for children to have pets?

Yes. —————> Why?

No. —————> Why not?

No. 1 By asking the government to control violent scenes more strictly.

No. 2 One day, Ken's parents went to a store to buy a birthday present for Ken. The shop clerk said to them, " This video game is very popular." A few minutes later, Ken's father was paying for the game. Ken's mother asked the clerk to wrap the game as a gift. On Ken's birthday, Ken was enjoying the game very much. His mother told him to go to bed soon.

No. 3 I agree. Going to movie theatres is more expensive than renting DVDs. Today, people can enjoy movies on large screens at home.

I disagree. The newest movies are shown only in movie theatres. Also, many theatres offer different kinds of discounts to attract more customers.

No. 4 Yes. Having a pet is an enjoyable experience. Also, children can learn to be responsible by taking care of an animal.

No. Children are not able to take care of animals. I've heard that some pets suddenly attack children.