

★ **Learn about the history of television.** Many of us watch TV every day, but where does it come from and who invented it?



The first televisions were made by scientists in the 1920's. The most famous of these scientists was John Logie Baird. At first, people were frightened by television because they didn't understand it. In the photo, John Logie Baird is working on his television.



The first children's TV programmes started in 1950. One of them was a programme called *Andy Pandy*. It was about some toys that lived in a picnic basket. The children in the photo are watching it.



Between 1930 and 1940, people started watching television and a few countries showed 'electronic' TV programmes. Very few people had a television at this time and the pictures were in black and white.



In 1953, the first colour television was made and in 1956, people had remote controls to choose channels. In the 1960's, many important events were shown on television, like the moon landings in 1969.



From 1946, American and British people had more money. They bought many televisions and in Britain and America the number of people watching television grew quickly.



Now many people have got televisions all around the world (about 1,416,338,245 people!) and they use them to watch cartoons, sport, documentaries, news, music, films and much more in colour. There are many famous children's programmes on TV, like *The Simpsons*, *Sesame Street* and the one in the photo: *Pokemon*. Which is your favourite?

1 Read again and correct the sentences.

John Logie Baird was a famous cartoon character.
At first, people were frightened by television because it was in black and white.
Between 1930 and 1940 lots of people bought televisions.
One of the first children's television programmes was about animals in a zoo.
Colour televisions were first made in the 1960's.

2 Number and write the information in the correct order.

Colour television started.
Televisions were made by scientists like John Logie Baird.
People had more money and started to buy televisions.
Many people watched the moon landings on television.
Very few people had televisions and they were in black and white.

1. Televisions were made by scientists like John Logie Baird.
2. _____

3 Think about your favourite television programme. Write some sentences about it and draw a picture.