

ACTIVITY 20: REALITY TV

New Skills Reinforced:

In this activity, you will practice how to:

1. use text wrap within cells.

Activity Overview:

Reality TV has become one of the most popular TV show genres of all time. This surprises many people since television is historically known for allowing actors and actresses to portray characters and tell stories. Reality TV takes the acting out of the mix and features everyday people in a variety of situations. Shows can be competitive, such as *Survivor*[®], shocking, such as *Fear Factor*[®], or even informative, such as *MythBusters*[®]. In any case, the stars of the show are not trained actors, and the story they tell is not scripted. Critics will claim that many so-called reality shows are not real at all and blame crafty editing on the many dramas these shows seem to elicit. In any case, viewers are watching, and it doesn't look like these shows will stop any time soon.

The following activity illustrates how spreadsheets can be used to list the most popular reality TV shows.

Instructions:

1. Create a NEW spreadsheet.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, the font should be set to Arial, the font size to 10 point.

2. Type the data as shown.
3. Change the font size of cell A1 to 16 point.
4. Format the height of row 3 to 30.0 and bold the row.
5. Format the width of column A to 40.0 and left align.
6. Format the width of column B to 13.0 and center align.
7. Format the width of column C to 20.0 and center align.
8. Format column C to wrap the text within each cell.
9. Format the height of rows 4 – 20 to 42.0

NEW SKILL

10. Insert a header that shows:

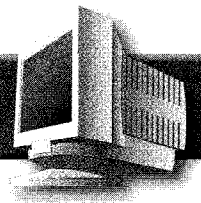
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11. Insert a footer that shows

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12. Carefully proofread your work for accuracy.
13. Save the spreadsheet as REALITY TV.
14. Analyze the changes made to the data in the spreadsheet.
15. Set the Print Area to include all cells containing data in the spreadsheet.
16. Print Preview and adjust the Page Setup so that the spreadsheet fits on one page.
17. Print a copy of the spreadsheet if required by your instructor.

ACTIVITY 20: REALITY TV DATA SPREADSHEET



	A	B	C	D	E
1	Most Popular Reality TV Shows				
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3	Show	Year Start/End	Airs		
4	American Idol	2002	FOX on Tuesdays at 8 pm		
5	America's Next Top Model	2003	UPN on Wednesdays at 8 pm		
6	The Amazing Race	2001	CBS on Wednesdays at 8 pm		
7	Laguna Beach	2004	MTV on Tuesdays at 10:30 pm		
8	Nashville Star	2003	USA on Tuesdays at 10 pm		
9	The Apprentice	2004	NBC on Mondays at 9 pm		
10	MythBusters	2003	DISC on Wednesdays at 9 pm		
11	Big Brother	2001	CBS on Tuesdays at 9 pm		
12	Pimp My Ride	2004	MTV on Sundays at 9 pm		
13	Survivor	2000	CBS on Thursdays at 8 pm		
14	Miami Ink	2005	TLC on Tuesdays at 10 pm		
15	Beauty and the Geek	2005	WB on Thursdays at 9 pm		
16	Punk'd	2003	MTV on Mondays at 10 pm		
17	My Super Sweet 16	2005	MTV on Tuesdays at 10:30 pm		
18	8th and Ocean	2006	MTV on Tuesdays at 10:30 pm		
19	Viva la Bam	2003/2005	MTV on Sundays at 9:30 pm		
20	Fear Factor	2001	NBC on Tuesdays at 8 pm		

Source: <http://www.tv.com/reality/genre/9/summary.html>