



Crime Dramas (Adv.)

About this lesson

In this lesson you'll learn:

- how to tease someone about their favorite show
- how to identify a show you think is better and defend it

You will also learn about the popularity of crime TV in American culture.

Of all time

My favorite show **of all time** is definitely "Law and Order."
我最喜歡的電視劇是"Law and order"，這一點毫無疑問。

Are you serious, that's the most boring show I've ever seen.
真的嗎？那可是我看過的最無聊的電視劇了。

Are you kidding me, how could you possibly think that?
你跟我開玩笑！你怎麼可能這麼認為呢？

"Law and Order" is so **repetitive**, every episode has the same plot.
"Law and Order"千篇一律，每集情節都一樣。

Crime TV

Shows like "Law and Order" and "CSI" are part of a very popular TV genre in America called Crime TV. These shows can range from real court cases as seen on "Judge Judy" to scripted stories loosely based on real cases on "Law and Order" to completely fictional stories as seen on "CSI."

Trashy

Not to mention the whole show just **consists of** people arguing in court.
更別提整個節目演的就是一幫人在法庭吵架了。

Well **part of the point** is to show how the American justice system works.
這個節目的目的之一就是反映美國司法系統的運作方式。

If you want to see the American justice system **in action**, you should watch Judge Judy.
如果你真想看美國司法系統的**運作**，你應該去看Judge Judy.

The people on Judge Judy are so **trashy**!
Judge Judy里的人太**爛**!

It's the best kind of **trashy** TV!
這可是最棒的**垃圾片**!

Contrived plots

Judge Judy shows the real American justice system with real people.
Judge Judy用普通人展現真正的美國司法系統。

No way, those people aren't serious, they just wanna be on TV.
不可能，那些人根本不是認真的，他們只是想上電視罷了。

It's way more entertaining than the **contrived** plots on "Law and Order."
不過它還是要比"Law and Order"里**編出來**的情節好看得多。

"Law and Order" isn't **contrived**, it's based on real cases.
"Law and Order"不是**編的**，是從真實案例來的。

Seen them all

They take real cases and tell the stories **compellingly**.
他們用真實的案例，然後以**引人入勝**的手法講述案情。

Well I never feel **compelled** to keep watching.
可我從來沒覺得**非**看不可。

If you see one, you've seen them all.
如果你看了一集，就等於全看過了。

Pull it off

I think the acting on "Law and Order" is so **cheesy**.
我覺得"Law and Order"里的表演太**假**了。

They try to **be all** serious and brooding but they just can't **pull it off**.
演員們都想**裝得特別**嚴肅深沉，可他們就是**演不出來**。

I can't believe you'd call Sam Waterston **cheesy**.
我不敢相信你竟然會說Sam Waterston演得**假**。

He has the most expressive eyes in the courtroom.

他那雙眼睛是整個法庭上最有表現力的。

You've got me there

Whatever, you only like that show because you think the Chief of Police **is hot**.
隨你怎麼說吧，你就是覺得片子里的警長**性感迷人**，才喜歡看的。

If I'm **hot for** her then you must be in love with Judge Judy.
要是我**覺得她性感**，那你一定是愛上Judy法官了。

I guess you've **got me there**.
你這話倒**真讓我不知道說什麼好了**。

Video: Americans talk about thier favorite TV shows