

## Lingo's Language-Learning Entertainment Guide

### Where to find ? Où chercher ?

Try searching on Netflix, YouTube, Vimeo, your cable TV network or the Boite Noire specialty videostore (with 3 convenient locations in Montreal).

### TOP 5 Movies and TV Series. Meilleurs références film & télé.

Our staff has contributed some of their favourite film and TV references for language learning & listening practice! Classified by level and difficulty to help guide you in choosing suitable materials.

### Amy & Danielle's Top 5: Beginner Audio-Visual Media References (FR & ENG)

Watch the *TV advertisements*. Regarder les *publicités*.

Watch the *weather report* (not the news!!!!) Regarder *la météo* (pas les nouvelles!!)

*Cartoons for children UNDER THE AGE OF 5* (Caillou, Sesame Street, Oum, Strawberry Shortcake)

*Animal or nature documentaries* (with slow speech, beware vocabulary can be hard at times)

*Family & Children's Game Shows* (*Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune, Fear Factor* or French equivalent)

### Amy's Top 5: Science & Science Fiction in English (Beginner to Advanced)

*Cosmos* (High-Beginner and up, Documentary, the universe explained)

*Fringe* (Inter 1 to Advanced, Sci-Fi TV series, with comic undertones, engaging and addictive)

*Bill Nigh The Science Guy* (Beginner, kids' show)

*Photon* (Beginner and up, TV series for true sci-fi nerds)

*The X Files* (Inter-Advanced, classic TV series)

### Annie's Top 5: TV Series (minimum : Intermediate 1 /Intermédiaire 1, FR & ENG)

*Breaking Bad* (English)

*Dexter* (English)

*Grey's Anatomy* (English)

*Minuit le soir* (Français)

*19-2* (Français)

## **Amy & Danielle's Top 5: English for Geeks (Beginner-Intermediate)**

*The IT Crowd* (British IT comedy, Intermediate 2 and up, some mixed Irish & British accents)

*Big Bang Theory* (High Beginner and up, but often tougher vocabulary to follow, one strong accent)

*Battlestar Galactica* (TV series on space wars, Low Intermediate and up)

*Lost in Space* (Classic 1960s TV series, Beginner – yay! )

*Firefly* (Intermediate, TV series, space western)

## **Danielle's Top 5: English TV Series (Intermediate to Advanced)**

*Arrested Development* (Advanced Level Comedy BUT easy-to-follow action & storyline)

*Six Feet Under* (Intermediate English vocabulary with easy, everyday sentence structures)

*Drop Dead Diva* (Legal Girlie Comedy, High Intermediate, some corporate and trendy street speak)

*Frasier* (Intermediate Level Comedy with Advanced sentence structure and vocabulary, some accents)

*Leverage* (Action Crime Investigation Comedy, Intermediate level, some accents, lots of street speak)

## **Danielle's Top 5: English Feel Good Films (High Beginner to Intermediate level)**

Easy to watch with great music !

*The Party* (starring Peter Sellers, 1968 comedy classic about Hollywood life)

*Little Miss Sunshine* (wonderfully dysfunctional and heartwarming family in a road movie comedy)

*Across the Universe* (eclectic musical set to Beatles classics, featuring Bono & other guests)

*Singing in the Rain* (Classic 1950s Gene Kelly musical)

*The Crimson Pirate* (1960s Circus-choreography in a Musical Pirate Adventure, Burt Lancaster)

## **Danielle's Top 5 : Advanced English Mixed Media Mega Challenge !**

Challenge yourself! Aimed at advanced to bilingual students.

Combines difficult and varied accents, fast speakers, plays on words, intellectual and street speak, complex topics and storylines, comedy and satire, philosophy.

*Kiss Kiss Bang Bang!* (Rob Downey Jr. & Val Kilmer in an intellectual Hollywood detective comedy)

*Fawlty Towers* (John Cleese as a hotel owner in a hilarious 1970s British slapstick comedy series)

*A Bit of Fry and Laurie* (British sketch comedy divine by 2 pure geniuses)

*The Proposition* (Australian historical western with dark undertones, music & screenplay by Nick Cave)

'*One Giant Leap*' and '*What About Me?*' (Music and philosophy combined intelligently and beautifully into 2 documentaries about the state of the world and being human. Very inspiring.)