

Situational Comedies for Dummies

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Would you watch?



The stars of
the show



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Where did the first sitcom come from?

Why was the sitcom, Friends so popular?

How are sitcoms different from other tv shows?

What does sitcom stand for?

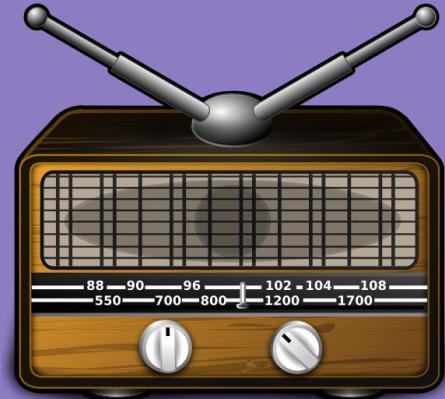
What makes a sitcom successful?

What is most successful sitcom in history?

Are sitcoms your favorite type of show?

Once upon a radio...

Every and anything has to begin somewhere and situational comedies started on the radio. The sitcom format was born in January 1926 with the initial broadcast of Sam 'n' Henry on WGN radio in Chicago, Illinois. Thanks to this radio station we have many amazing TV shows today!



You are most likely to watch a sitcom if... (D.C)

1. You enjoy humor
2. You want to develop deep emotions for the characters
3. You want to laugh at difficult situations
4. You want to relate to something

A sitcom, situational comedy, is a genre of comedy on television or a streaming service centered on a fixed amount of characters who carry over from episode to episode.



The stars of the show... literally

- John Krasinski - The Office
- Sofia Vergara - Modern Family
- Joseph Gordon-Levitt - 3rd Rock From The Sun
- Ashton Kutcher - That '70s Show
- Steve Carell - The Office
- Martin Lawrence - Martin
- Chris Pratt - Parks And Recreation
- Courteney Cox - Friends
- Will Smith - The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
- Matthew Perry - Friends
- Betty White - The Golden Girls
- Tracy Ross - Black-ish



M*A*S*H (The most watched sitcom)

M*A*S*H (an acronym for Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) is an American war comedy-drama television series that aired on CBS from 1972 to 1983. What made M*A*S*H a huge success with more than 125 million viewers, was the fact that the series was as much an allegory about the Vietnam War (still in progress when the show began) as it was about the Korean War.



How to make a sitcom.

For a sitcom to be "right," there are a few rules or expectations that are to be followed. Firstly, sitcoms are centered around the same characters for each episode that are mostly in the same settings. The show is usually a thirty-minute program because of the standard twenty-four to forty-eight hour time span in the storyline. The most important element is humor that connects with your audience.



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Why is “Friends” so popular?

Friends is an American sitcom television series, created by David Crane and Marta Kauffman, which aired on NBC from September 22, 1994, to May 6, 2004, lasting ten seasons. For new viewers, however, Friends harkens back to a simpler time—before apps, social media, and smartphones dominated our attention, time, and friendships. For some, that's enough to forgive its flaws. The Friends gang is also not so perfect individually as to cause eye rolls and anxiety. It's an escapist fantasy, but realistic enough that it doesn't feel entirely out of reach.



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I chose this genre to write about and investigate because my love for sitcoms runs deep and I believed it would be an enjoyable experience to research the talented actors and shows. I decided to break down my favorite genre of television by incorporating theme songs and the long history that started in the 1920s.

This website was purposely created with a bright theme, funny pictures, and an all-around goofy aesthetic, to match that of the genre it focuses on.

My audience, aside from my English class, would have to be those interested in examining the genre, its origins, its successes, and why so many people love sitcoms.

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