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IELTS Speaking Cue Card

Describe a television programme that you watch.

You should say:

- Which kind of television programme it is
- What usually happens in the television programme
- Why you enjoy watching the television programme
- And explain why you would recommend the television programme to other people.

I'm not so **big on** TV shows and hardly ever does any program grab my attention. For one thing, I'm usually **running around like a headless chicken**. That barely allows me to tune everything else out and watch TV programs. Anyhow, once, **at the behest of** one of my cousins I agreed to watch a tv show named The Moment of Truth. You know, I don't just **paint everything with the same brush** and I also believe that you gotta give everything the benefit of the doubt. That being my motto, I set aside all the prejudices against the TV that every single program is an absolute waste of time and started to tune in. As a matter of fact, it's a reality TV show that puts people on a chair with polygraph equipment attached and starts **digging up dirt on** them. The thing is, the participants should only tell the truth about all the questions they're asked. I can't deny... you know. I've been a regular viewer ever since. The selling point I believe is when the person on the chair starts feeling a little **cornered** and hopeless. You know, the stakes are high kinda, when everyone close to you is watching you come clean about things you've been holding back from them while pretending to be a saint. I figure every now and then we all ought to do a little bit of **soul-searching** and imagine what would happen if we were exposed for all the lies we've been telling people.

Language Focus

to be big on something to be very interested in something, or enjoy something a lot: I'm not very big on musicals.

run around like a headless chicken

to be very busy doing a lot of things, but in a way that is not very effective: Oh my gosh, I am so busy at work! I'm running around like a headless chicken!

at the behest of someone

because someone has asked for something or said it must happen: A special meeting will be held at the senator's behest.

to paint everything with the same brush

to unfairly categorize someone or something as being the same as another person or thing, usually in a negative manner: Just because the CEO turned out to be a rotten scoundrel doesn't mean we should paint the entire company with the same brush.

to dig up dirt on someone

to uncover negative information about someone or something: Once I contact my usual sources at the tabloids, I should be able to dig up dirt on that actress.

to be cornered

forced into an awkward, embarrassing, or inescapable position: A cornered fox.

soul-searching

careful thought about your beliefs, attitudes, or actions because you think it is important to behave in an honest and moral way: After much soul-searching, he decided it was wrong to vote in the elections.