**Reading Comprehension**

***The Simpsons*** is an American animated television series created by [Matt Groening](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_Groening) for the [Fox Broadcasting Company](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fox_Broadcasting_Company). The series is a satirical parody of a working-class American lifestyle. The family consists of [Homer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homer_Simpson), [Marge](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marge_Simpson), [Bart](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bart_Simpson), [Lisa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lisa_Simpson), and [Maggie](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maggie_Simpson). The show is set in the fictional city of [Springfield](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Springfield_%28The_Simpsons%29), and is about [American culture](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culture_of_the_United_States), society, television and many aspects of the [human condition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_condition). The family was invented by Matt Groening who created a dysfunctional family and named the characters after members of his own family. Since its debut on December 17, 1989 the show has broadcast [473 episodes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_The_Simpsons_episodes). [*The Simpsons Movie*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Simpsons_Movie), a feature-length film, was released in theaters worldwide on July 26 and July 27, 2007. *The Simpsons* has won dozens of awards since it debuted as a series. In 2000 the Simpson family was awarded a star on the [Hollywood Walk of Fame](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood_Walk_of_Fame).

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*The Simpsons* is the [longest-running](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_longest_running_US_television_series) American sitcom. It has influenced many adult-oriented animated sitcoms.

1. The Simpsons is a satirical parody of a working-class American lifestyle.
2. It is created by [Max Groening](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matt_Groening) for the [Fox Broadcasting Company](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fox_Broadcasting_Company).
3. The story is set in the city of [Springfield](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Springfield_%28The_Simpsons%29) near Hollywood.
4. The Simpsons is a British animated television series.
5. It is about [American culture](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culture_of_the_United_States), society, television and many aspects of the [human condition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_condition).
6. The family and the characters are named after members of Matt Groenings own family.
7. Since its debut on December 17, 1989 the show has broadcast [473 episodes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_The_Simpsons_episodes).
8. [*The Simpsons Movie*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Simpsons_Movie)was released in theaters worldwide on July 26 and July 27, 2007.
9. *The Simpsons* has won no awards since it debuted as a series.
10. In 2010 the Simpson family was awarded a star on the [Hollywood Walk of Fame](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hollywood_Walk_of_Fame).