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Dear Sir,  
I am replying to your request for the public's opinion on the BBC.

My biggest plea of all is please spare us the trailers!! They are so frequent, intrusive and so LONG. So often most of the plot of a forthcoming drama is revealed in the trail, leaving this viewer at least completely resistant to watching the wretched thing. I often turn the sound down during trails then miss the beginning of the next programme. To add insult to injury, many of them are for digital programmes which we don't have (and don't want)

You are still producing far too many "reality" shows, e.g. Masterchef goes Large,

The Apprentice, Swaps, Blame the Parents, Grown-up Gappers, & many more, ad nauseum. Enough already!

Could we have less intrusive "music" in the food programmes you do have?

I don't know whether this review covers radio (I have lost the advert) but I will briefly mention Radio 2 which is all I listen to.

Jerry Wogan is wonderful, always has been. Jeremy Vine is an intelligent questioner who sticks to the point but plays dreadful music. However, a big thumbs-down to the cocky, ego centric Steve Wright who is loud and self-congratulatory especially on Sunday Love Songs. This is a good music programme spoiled by its rash presenter. I tape it and edit him out. Strident but I listen to the Rad. 2 news at 11pm. and unfortunately catch a few minutes of mark

●edcliffe who is a disgrace, sounds drunk (altho' I'm sure he isn't), with sloppy enunciation, who garbles his words and emphasises his accent. I speak as someone who is married to a Mancunian! I can't bear to listen to him.

Ed Stewart however on a Sunday is modest and relaxed with no discernible ego.

To sum up, cut down on the trailers, they only irritate. This is also a huge problem on Rad.2. Keep up the good work with documentaries, Newsnight, Question Time, Gardeners World. Lets have more drama, but not set in police stations or hospitals. Lets have more items on music, art, dance, great figures of the past, but many fewer programmes on so-called "real people" cooking, renovating houses, going on holiday, and arguing!  
Mrs. D.M. Keen.