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On TV

The OC first came on TV in summer 2003 and was a complete hit! Teenagers loved the hot actors, the cool beach parties and, of course, the exciting story. But what happens behind the scenes at *The OC*? We found out ...

Secrets of The O.C.

1 It's not the real O.C.!

The crew don't film in the real Orange County. It's too far from Los Angeles where most of the OC team live. In fact, they film in Manhattan Beach which is 45 km north of Newport Beach.

2 It's not a day at the beach!

Most of the filming happens inside, even the beach scenes. In the world of *The OC*, every day has to be



sunny. So instead, the crew use special lights to make bright sun inside – it's almost impossible to tell the difference.

3 The girls get up earlier than the boys!

Looking beautiful isn't easy! The girls come to work earlier because they have to spend more time with the hair and make-up team. The boys have an easier time - just like real life!

What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.

actor scene crew relax director character episode

4 The director's always listening!

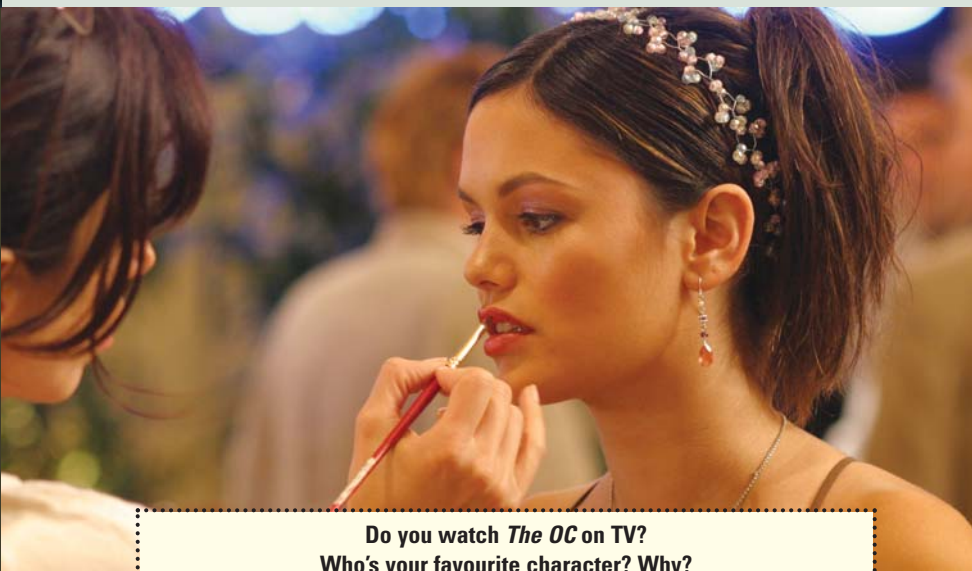
All of the actors have a dressing room where they can relax. Sometimes, director Josh Schwarz listens to the actors' conversations. It gives him ideas for their OC characters. 'If someone says something funny, I try to put it in the show,' he says. 'Rachel Bilson (Summer) watches the TV show *The Golden Girls* with her friends. They each say they're a different Golden Girl character. So, in one episode, Summer and Anna watch *The Golden Girls* together and talk about their favourite characters. Their OC characters become more real.'

5 It's a big happy family!

'We're all really good friends,' says Mischa Barton (Marissa). 'We hang out together a lot. At the weekends, I go shopping with the other girls, or we all go to the cinema or have lunch. We always remember birthdays too.'



The boys – Ben McKenzie (Ryan), Adam Brody (Seth), and Chris Carmack (Luke) – all play in the same basketball team. 'Our team isn't doing very well at the moment,' says Ben. 'Adam and I need to practise more, but Chris is really good.'



Do you watch *The OC* on TV?
Who's your favourite character? Why?