

The Real Meaning of ABC's 'TGIF' Revealed

Description

It turns out that the famous TV programming block from the 1990s, "TGIF," didn't actually stand for "Thank God it's Friday." According to producer Jim Janicek, who created the block, it actually meant "Thank Goodness it's Funny." The block aired on ABC from the late 1980s to the early 2000s and featured beloved shows like "Boy Meets World," "Family Matters," "Sister Sister," and "Full House."

Janicek revealed that the name was chosen to make Friday nights more entertaining, as they were typically considered a tough time slot for TV shows. Despite initial concerns about the acronym being similar to TGI Friday's restaurant, ABC executives decided to go with "TGIF."

During the heyday of the programming block, Friday nights became a highlight for many families, including Janicek's own childhood memories of watching TV after dinner with his family. The popularity of "TGIF" eventually waned, with the network deciding to move on to other programming.

Looking back, actor Rider Strong, who starred in "Boy Meets World," described the "TGIF" block as a massive success. It brought laughter and joy to households across the country and became a beloved part of television history.

Vocabulary List:

- 1. **Producer** /prəˈdjuː.sər/ (noun): A person responsible for overseeing the production of a show or film.
- 2. **Programming** /'prəʊ.gram.ɪŋ/ (noun): The act of planning and scheduling shows for broadcasting.
- 3. Acronym /'ak.rə.nɪm/ (noun): An abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words.
- 4. Highlight /'haɪ.laɪt/ (noun): An outstanding part of an event or period.
- 5. **Popularity** /ˌpop.jʊ'lær.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The state of being liked or admired by many people.
- 6. Beloved /bi'lnv.id/ (adjective): Deeply loved or cherished.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

What does "TGIF" stand for according to producer Jim Janicek?
 Option: Thank Goodness it's Funny



Option: Thank God it's Friday

Option: Thank Goodness it's Family

Option: Thank God it's Fun

2. Which TV network aired the "TGIF" programming block?

Option: ABC Option: NBC Option: CBS Option: FOX

3. Which show was NOT part of the "TGIF" programming block?

Option: Friends

Option: Boy Meets World Option: Family Matters Option: Full House

4. What was the main aim of naming the programming block "TGIF"?

Option: To promote relaxation on Fridays

Option: To make Friday nights more entertaining Option: To compete with TGI Friday's restaurant

Option: To target a specific age group

5. When did the "TGIF" block air on TV?

Option: Late 1970s Option: Mid 1990s

Option: Late 1980s to early 2000s

Option: Early 2010s

6. Which actor described the "TGIF" block as a massive success?

Option: Jim Janicek Option: Rider Strong Option: TGI Friday's

Option: Ratan Naval Tata

True-False

7. The acronym TGIF was initially a concern due to its similarity with TGI Friday's restaurant.



- 8. The "TGIF" block became less popular over time.
- 9. Friday nights were not traditionally considered a tough time slot for TV shows.
- 10. Jim Janicek, the producer, had a different interpretation for TGIF than "Thank Goodness it's Funny."
- 11. Rider Strong was not a part of the TV show "Boy Meets World."
- 12. ABC executives initially rejected the name "TGIF" for the programming block.

Gap-Fill

13. The "TGIF" block aired from the late 1980s to the early	·
14. Jim Janicek created the "TGIF" block to make Friday nights more	·
15. The "TGIF" block featured shows like "Boy Meets World" and "Full	."
16. Rider Strong starred in the TV show "Boy Meets"	
17. According to Rider Strong, the "TGIF" block brought	to households across the
country.	
18. Friday nights were a highlight for many families during the	of the "TGIF" block.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Thank Goodness it's Funny 2. ABC 3. Friends 4. To make Friday nights more entertaining 5. Late 1980s to early 2000s 6. Rider Strong

True-False: 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. 2000s 14. entertaining 15. House 16. World 17. laughter and joy 18. heyday

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)



1. What is the term for the action of consenting to receive or undertake something offered?

Option: Recognition Option: Acclaim Option: Acceptance Option: Anecdote

2. Which term describes something causing annoyance anger or another strong reaction especially deliberately?

Option: Stunning Option: Humorous Option: Provocative Option: Flamboyant

3. Who are individuals who take part in an event or process?

Option: Logistics Option: Themes Option: Participants

Option: Accommodations

4. What term is used to describe the action of one object coming forcibly into contact with another? ESL-NE

Option: Recognition Option: Acclaim Option: Impact

Option: Mesmerized

5. Which term is used to describe something or someone dearly loved?

Option: Highlight **Option: Popularity** Option: Impact Option: Beloved

6. What describes something that is involving new ideas or methods?

Option: Provocative Option: Pioneering Option: Exciting Option: Stranded

7. What is the term for providing financial resources for something?

Option: Producer **Option: Programming** Option: Acronym Option: Financed



8. What is the term for the action or process of recognizing or being recognized especially on account of achievements?

Option: Recognition
Option: Acclaim
Option: Anecdote
Option: Acceptance

9. What are central ideas in an artistic work or events?

Option: Exploring Option: Support Option: Themes Option: Attention

10. What is the detailed organization and implementation of a complex operation?

Option: Exciting
Option: Stranded
Option: Logistics
Option: Lineup

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

- 11. What term is used to describe an abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a word?
- 12. Which term describes causing amusement or laughter?
- 13. What is the term for giving assistance to someone or something?
- 14. What describes causing great enthusiasm and eagerness?
- 15. What is the term for the acknowledgment of something's existence validity or legality?
- 16. What is a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person?
- 17. Who is an individual who takes part in an event or process?
- 18. What term is used to describe extremely impressive or attractive?
- 19. What is the state or condition of being liked admired or supported by many people?



20. Who is a person responsible for the financial and managerial aspects of making a film?

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

- 21. The superhero spent most of the movie against the villains to save the city.
- 22. The fashion designer created a collection of outfits that dazzled the audience.
- 23. The magician's performance the audience leaving them in awe of his tricks.
- 24. The hotel provided luxurious for the guests ensuring a comfortable stay.
- 25. The music festival showcased a diverse and exciting of artists.
- 26. The elderly couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary a testament to their bond.
- 27. In times of need friends and family provide valuable to help overcome challenges.
- 28. The art exhibition explored various social and cultural through thought-provoking artworks.
- 29. The documentary film focused on the uncharted territories of the deep sea.
- 30. The award ceremony's biggest was the surprise performance by a legendary singer.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Acceptance 2. Provocative 3. Participants 4. Impact 5. Beloved 6. Pioneering 7. Financed 8. Recognition 9. Themes 10. Logistics

Gap-Fill: 11. Acronym 12. Humorous 13. Support 14. Exciting 15. Recognition 16. Anecdote 17. Participant 18. Stunning 19. Popularity 20. Producers

Matching sentence: 1. Battling 2. Flamboyant 3. Mesmerized 4. Accommodations 5. Lineup 6. Beloved 7. Support 8. Themes 9. Exploring 10. Highlight

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