

## **Poker: Better Than TV?**

This week we're going to be talking about poker, and poker in American English. But the reason we're talking about poker is a little bit unusual. We're talking about poker because I don't like TV.

You can say TV irks me, or bothers me, or TV is my pet peeve. But, the fact of the matter is, I don't like it, and I don't like to be in the same room as a TV that's turned on. Not watching TV means finding something else to do in the evenings. When I was single, it was easy: I read books or visited friends. Now that I'm married, though, my wife likes it best—and so do I—if we do something *together*. It's really hard to read books together.

So, we've started playing more games. We play all kinds of games and, when we can, we play with other people. That's how I started playing poker.

Do you think that playing games is a better way to spend time than watching TV? Do you think I'm crazy to try *not* to watch TV? If you didn't watch TV, what would you do with your time?