

on set with



It's a top TV show and is now in its third series. The beaches are beautiful, the people are beautiful and the parties are wild! So what happens on set on the coolest TV show around?

Forget the sunscreen!

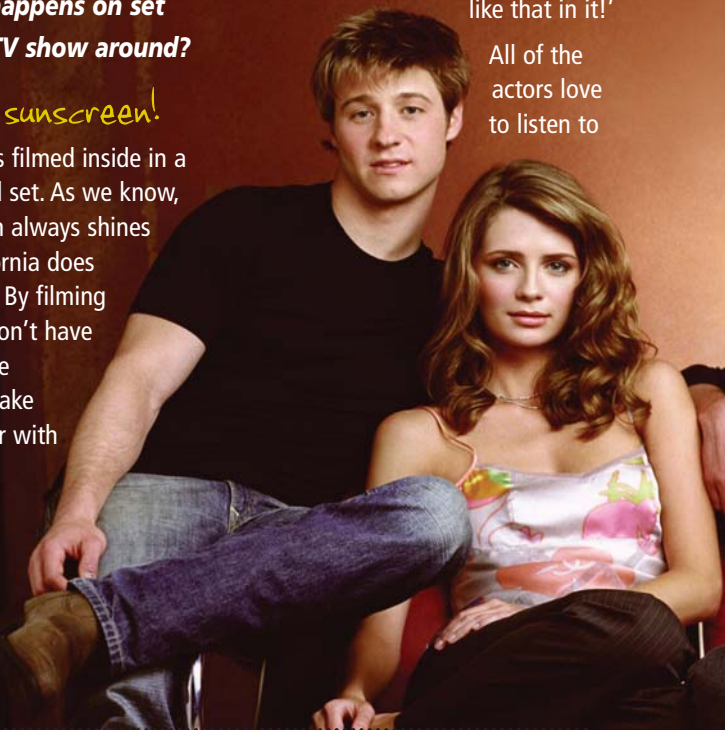
Most of *The OC* is filmed inside in a specially designed set. As we know, in *The OC* the sun always shines but real life California does have cloudy days. By filming inside, the crew don't have to worry about the weather – they make their own weather with special lights and equipment.

Working and chilling

It takes five to seven days to film just one episode of *The OC*. The actors work from between six to sixteen hours a day. Each actor has their own dressing room. They go there when they're not filming.

'It's really funny,' says Adam, 'Each room has a sofa, a phone and a small table but the girls' rooms are really different to the guys'. The girls' rooms are like bedrooms – they've got candles, and posters on the walls. My room hasn't got anything like that in it!'

All of the actors love to listen to



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

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music in their rooms. Ben likes country music and Rachel plays hip-hop. Mischa's a *Radiohead* fan and Adam likes indie bands. Chris plays his own music on his guitar.

Birthdays and dead frogs!

The OC stars are all good friends, and enjoy having fun together. Adam is the joker of the group.

'We always remember birthdays and we buy cakes and presents,' says Mischa. 'When it was Rachel's birthday, we were filming in the school biology room. We were cutting up dead frogs. Rachel had lots of

presents in her dressing room and Adam put one of the dead frogs into a box. It looked like a present. So, Rachel went home and opened her presents and there was the dead frog! It was gross! Rachel called me and she was screaming, 'We've got to do something to Adam!' She knew it was him!

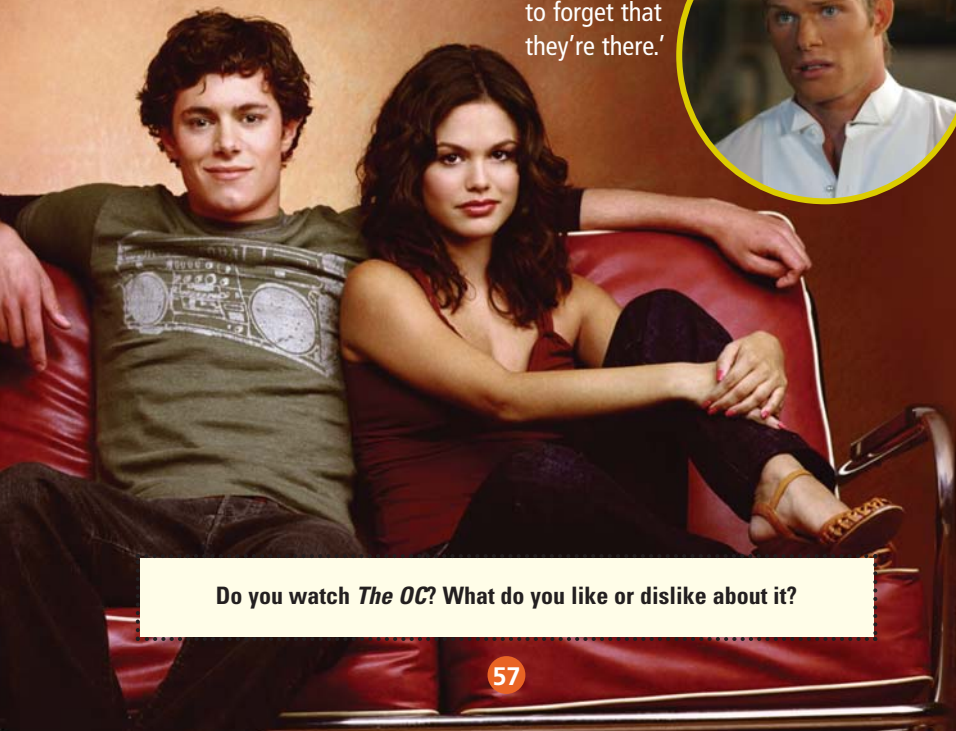
Who's who?

Ryan: Ben McKenzie
Marissa: Mischa Barton
Seth: Adam Brody
Summer: Rachel Bilson
Luke: Chris Carmack

The Kiss

There's lots of kissing in *The OC* but what's it like for the actors?

'Kissing someone for a job is strange,' says Ben. 'It's not romantic at all! There are usually about 100 people watching you. You have to forget that they're there.'



Do you watch *The OC*? What do you like or dislike about it?