

"To do nothing at all is the most difficult thing in the world, the most difficult and the most intellectual." - Oscar Wilde

# SPACED OUT

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Spaced is a sitcom about Daisy and Tim - two people in their mid-twenties who share a flat and spend their time going to the pub, clubbing, watching TV and having marathon playstation sessions. They occasionally have jobs but they don't last very long. Essentially they are 'doing nothing with their life'.

When it first aired in 1999 I was 21 and led a very similar life to Tim and Daisy. Doing nothing was so much easier back then - this was the time of 'Cool Britainia' when there were plentiful council flats, easy to access benefits and you could just wander around the pubs in town with a CV when you needed to get a job. Admittedly a lot has changed since then but I think that maybe we can still learn something from Daisy and Tim, especially if we think together about all the ways that we personally measure and demonstrate success in our lives.

I hope that this survey gives you space to think about the things you prioritise in life and why they are important to you.

I look forward to you spending some quality quiet time with you 'doing nothing' together in bed.

# Episode 1: Beginnings

Tim and Daisy find themselves in urgent need of somewhere to live so they pretend to be boyfriend and girlfriend (and to have jobs) to rent a flat.

And so the story starts...

1) Where do you live right now and how did you end up living there?

2) Do you live alone?

(draw a circle around your answer)

Yes

No

If you've answered **No**, please describe the other people you live with  
(include their eye-colour, their favourite TV programme and their favourite food)

**3) Do you live in your dream home?**

(draw a circle around your answer)

**Yes**

**No**

If you've selected **No**, which of the following would describe your dream home?  
(draw a **X** in the box next to your answer)



a big house



somewhere quiet and relaxing



I don't care, as long as I own it



somewhere I can do exciting hobbies

# Episode 2: Gatherings

Having finally unpacked their belongings into the flat, to avoid doing some work, Daisy persuades Tim to host a house warming party.

1) Describe the last party you attended and how it made you feel:

2) When you go to a party are you:  
(draw a circle around your answer)

a) The first to arrive

b) The last to leave

c) The first to arrive and  
the last to leave

d) Just stay for an hour or so

3) If you were to have a party next weekend list eight people you know that you would definitely not invite:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

## Episode 3: Art.

Tim and Daisy's neighbour Brian gets an invitation from his non-binary ex-partner to view their new piece of performance art. What better way to relax than an evening, with friends, at the theatre?

1a) What was the last thing you watched on a stage?

1b) How did it make you feel?

2) Would you describe yourself as a creative person?

(draw a circle around your answer)

Yes

No

If you answer **Yes**, please list what creative things you do - like drawing, acting or singing

If you answered **No** - is there anything creative you would like to do if you had more time/confidence/ money?

## Episode 4: Battle

Daisy gets dumped by her boyfriend, and Tim meets up with his enemy - the man that now dates his ex-girlfriend.

1) Are you in a relationship?  
(draw a circle around your answer)

Yes

No

2) if you answered **Yes**:  
what are the top four things about your relationship?

1. ....

2. ....

3. ....

4. ....

if you answered **No**:  
what are your top four things about being single?

# Episode 5: Chaos

Daisy gets a dog called Colin to help her get over her break-up, but he gets stolen by an animal testing laboratory. Tim and Daisy gather their friends and go on a midnight adventure to steal Colin back from the laboratory.

1) If your dog got kidnapped, do you think your friends would help you to rescue it?  
(draw a circle around your answer)

Yes

No

2) Which friends do you think would say they would help but probably would not turn up on the night? Are any of your friends unreliable when you ask for help?

3) Who was the last friend you spoke to on the phone?

What did you talk about?



# Episode 6: Epiphanies

Tim's courier friend, called Tyres, invites them out for a big night out. At the club, everyone gets very intoxicated and they spend the night dancing, chatting nonsense and drinking lots!

- 1) Describe your perfect "big night out" (or big night in!)
  - Who would you invite and what would you do?