

Wider interests

Beginner's guide to



Media and entertainment

7.2 Games and online TV

This activity will help your family catch up on your favourite TV shows and play games online.

What will I learn?

- How you can watch your favourite programmes online
- How you can watch classic series
- How your family can play games online

-  Use this document with the glossary
-  A helper should take you through this guide



How do I do it?

Be safe! If you're using this hand-out on a shared or public computer, remember to:

- Log on using a 'strong password': one that includes upper and lower case letters, numbers, and isn't something that someone else could guess.
- Never share or write down your password.
- Log out when you're finished.

The web links referred to throughout this document can be found in the Useful Links section at the end.

How can I watch my favourite programmes online?

1. The Internet can help you watch recent programmes again, catch up on one you missed, and even find classic shows from the past:
 - Go to the BBC iPlayer web link. This is a good starting point because you can also watch programmes from lots of other channels.
2. There are lots of ways to find and select a programme:
 - Explore the iPlayer home page and find out what you can see when you click on:



BBC iPlayer web page

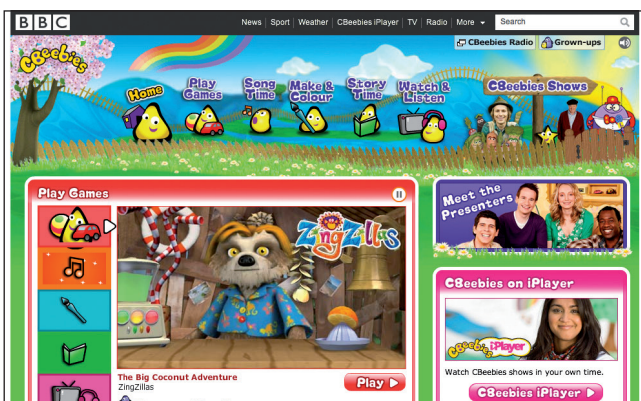
- the list of BBC TV channels, and the other channels you can access
 - A-Z of programmes
 - categories.
- Find a program that you like and watch it.
 - Explore the buttons under the video and see how you can play/pause and control the volume and picture size.
3. Below each programme video, you can also choose to download it to your computer and watch it another time, perhaps when you are not online:
 - Click on 'Download': you can download just the episode you're watching, or select 'Series Record' to download future episodes automatically (you'll need to be online to do this).
 - To do this you will need to install the iPlayer desktop. This will happen automatically the first time you download a TV programme. You can store downloaded programmes on your desktop for up to 14 days, after which they expire.

How can I watch classic series I enjoy?

4. There are other sources of online TV such as Sky, Youtube, Netflix and Amazon. Others that are more specialist can be find by using a search engine. These can help you find classic TV series or maybe TV programs from outside of your region. They exist as both free for use (where you can expect advertising) and as subscription services.

How can my family play games online?

5. The Internet is full of gaming sites for people of all ages. You can find lots of games for your children, linked to their favourite TV shows and characters:
 - Go to the CBBC, CBeebies or CITV web link. Each of these has a 'Games' or 'Play' web link.
 - Click on this and search for you child's favourite programme by name or theme, to find some free games and activities.
 - Click on a game to open it and find out how to play using your mouse or the keyboard (games usually start with an instructions screen).



CBeebies web page

6. Most famous character toys have a website that includes games:
 - Type 'Ben 10' into a search engine such as Google, and go to the Ben 10 web page (or try another favourite character).
 - Click on 'Games' to explore some of the games you can play online.
7. Older children, teenagers and adults can find lots to enjoy as well. There are many web sites that offer free online games:
 - Go to the Game Garage web link. This site offers lots of different types of game to play.
 - Click on 'Arcade games' and find 'Learn to fly'.
 - See if you can help the penguin!
8. The games at Game Garage are certified by age. You can find this in the grey information box below each game. This can help you find games that are suitable for your family. Read the 'Top tips' in this hand-out to make sure that your child doesn't access inappropriate games online.



Game Garage web page

Useful Links

You may want to use these links in your session:

BBC iPlayer:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer>

CBBC:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc>

CBeebies:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

CITV:

<http://www.citv.co.uk>

Game Garage:

<http://www.gamegarage.co.uk>

Google:

<http://www.google.co.uk>

Orisinal:

<http://www.ferryhalim.com/orisinal>

Record tripping:

<http://www.recordtripping.com>

Samorost:

<http://amanita-design.net/games.html>

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