

Beginner handout

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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

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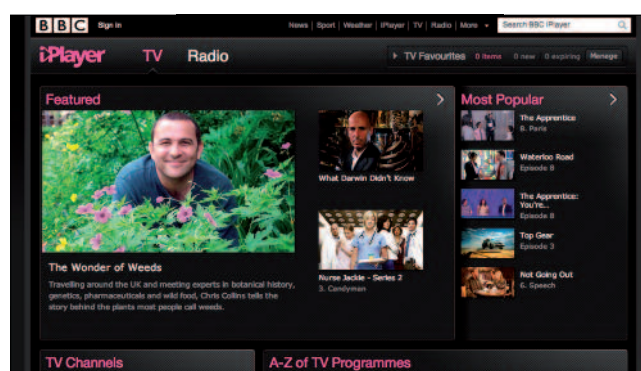
Be safe! If you're using this hand-out on a shared or public computer, remember to:

- 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.
 - At the bottom of the iPlayer home page, click on 'iPlayer help' and then on 'How to/ Tips' on the help page.
 - Watch the videos to find out more about how to use iPlayer.



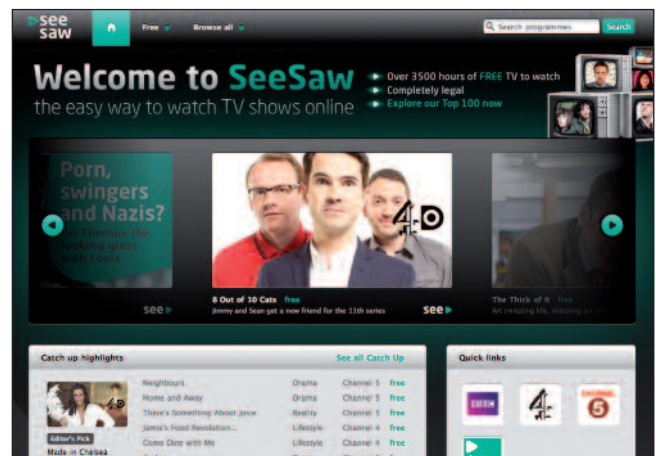
BBC iPlayer web page

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:
 - the list of BBC TV channels, and the other channels you can access
 - A-Z of programmes
 - categories.
 - Click on 'Most popular' and then select a programme to watch online.
 - 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 options': 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?

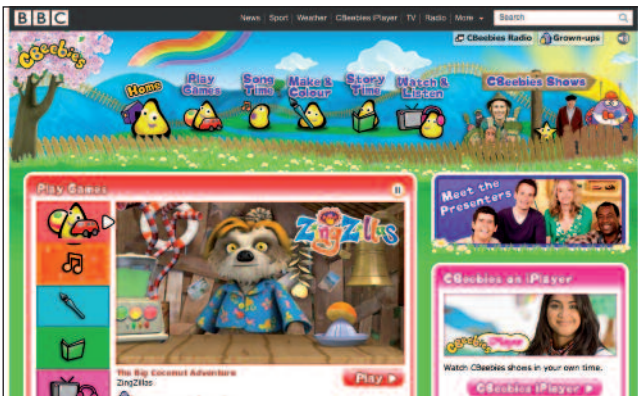
4. Other websites can help you find and enjoy classic TV series from the past. These combine a free and paid-for service, which can include a monthly subscription or pay-as-you-go rentals:
 - Go to the SeeSaw web link.
 - Click on 'View by' and then 'Categories' in the top menu and browse to see the programmes you can watch - some of them are free. These free programmes are supported by advertising, a bit like on commercial TV channels.
 - You can also 'Browse all' if you know the name of the series you are looking for.



SeeSaw web page

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

Quiz yourself

- What options are there for searching for your favourite TV show on iPlayer?
- How can you save a programme to watch it at a later time, even if you are not online?
- Are your saved programmes stored forever?
- Where can you find children's games online?

Try your new skills

- Click on a channel logo on the iPlayer website and watch it live.
- Find your favourite TV programme from the BBC and other channels on iPlayer.
- iPlayer can prevent your children watching 'post-watershed' content from the BBC. Scroll down and click on 'BBC iPlayer help', then on 'Frequent questions', then 'Playing TV programmes' and read 'What's the Parental Guidance Lock and how does it work?'
- Use the links or a search engine to find games for your child's favourite TV or toy character.
- Explore the other games at Game Garage.

Write down any notes that will help you:

My learning checklist

- I can use iPlayer to catch up on a programme I missed.
- I can download a programme to watch later.
- I can subscribe to my favourite show.
- I can find other TV shows I like on the Internet.
- I can find online games for my child.
- I can find and play online games for myself.

Top tips

- TV programmes need a large amount of data to stream or download. You will need a fast broadband connection to get the most from Internet TV. Make sure you don't exceed any monthly data limit on your broadband package – you may incur extra fees.
- Many online games sites may offer content that's not suitable for children. Find, choose and play games together and use Beginner's guides 2.2, 2.3, 4.2 and 5.1 to help your family enjoy online games safely.
- You can also enjoy games on social networks like Facebook.
- Search for online versions of your favourite board games, like chess or draughts.

Where next?

- Set up iPlayer to remember your favourite TV shows.
- Set up the iPlayer parental lock.
- Find out how to install iPlayer on your Internet-enabled phone or other mobile device.
- Search for on-demand TV from ITV, Channel 4 and Sky.
- Go to the Orisinal, Record Tripping and Samorost web links to try out some unusual games!
- Search for 'online TV' and 'free online games' and find more sites you can enjoy.

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Useful Links

You may want to use these links in your session:

BBC iPlayer:

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

SeeSaw:

<http://www.seesaw.com>

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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