

# What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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**Are television channels  
as important as they  
once were?**



## Let's look at this week's story



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).

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This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).

# How does it make me feel?



<b>sad</b>	<b>angry</b>	<b>happy</b>	<b>confused</b>	<b>excited</b>	<b>worried</b>	<b>shocked</b>	<b>afraid</b>
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# This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read through the information below, which provides an overview of how the BBC has changed over time.

### How did the BBC start?

In 1922, the first ever national broadcasting organisation was formed for radio broadcasting using public money to pay for it. The BBC (British Broadcasting Cooperation) went on to produce TV programmes for adults and later, children. Now, the BBC produce an even wider range of content including podcasts and online content on their iPlayer.



Pictured above: Children listening to the BBC's first ever radio programme for children – Children's Hour. Source: BBC

### BBC Timeline

- 1922 The first radio station is launched
- 1946 The first children's TV programmes begin
- 1949 The first live weather forecast airs
- 1967 BBC Two becomes the first colour TV channel in Europe
- 2002 The CBBC (Children's BBC) channel is launched
- 2007 BBC iPlayer is launched



Pictured above: A top CBBC programme, The Story of Tracy Beaker (2002). Source: BBC

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Pictured above: A top CBBC programme, Horrible Histories (2009). Source: BBC

**Do you think the BBC is as important now as it was when it first launched?**

Resource  
**one**



Look at the resource below, where some children share the different types of entertainment they watch on their screens.

"One of my favourite things to watch are slime videos on YouTube! I also like the craft videos too and I get lots of ideas for my own slime and craft creations."

Lily



"I enjoy comedies as having a giggle at something makes me feel good. I find Mr Tumble from CBeebies very funny!"

Antoni

"I enjoy watching wildlife documentaries. Animals and other wildlife really interest me. I enjoy learning more about them and seeing them on my screen. I usually watch them on my tablet."

Emilie



"I love watching game shows! I enjoy the competition between the contestants. One of my favourite game shows is Floor is Lava on Netflix. People have to get across an obstacle course in a room without falling into the lava (a gooey, red slime)."

Mohammad



"I think my favourite type of entertainment to watch are drama series, where you get to watch an episode each week. One of the drama series I really enjoyed in the past was The Chronicles of Narina."

Zsusanna



**Do you have a favourite type of entertainment you enjoy watching?**



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about how the entertainment that people watch on screens has changed over time.

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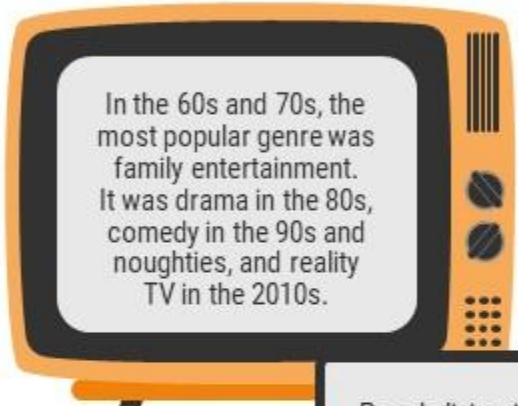
The television service broadcast by the BBC started in 1936 but was put on hold during WWII. It resumed in June 1946 and there was only one channel, the BBC.

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In the 1950s, very few households had a television. By 1954, around 31% of homes had a TV. One of the most watched events during this time was the Queen's coronation in 1953, with many people gathering to watch it on a friend's TV set. Programmes broadcast during this time were mostly based on news, current affairs, history and serious drama.

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In 1955, ITV came along and offered lighter entertainment such as soap operas and quiz shows. The BBC had to change what they offered to ensure their viewings weren't all lost to ITV.



In the 60s and 70s, the most popular genre was family entertainment. It was drama in the 80s, comedy in the 90s and noughties, and reality TV in the 2010s.



People living in the UK are watching an hour less on TV a day than they were 10 years ago.

Source: Currys

## Television

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The eighties saw the addition of Channel 4 and in the nineties, Sky was launched and Channel 5 began broadcasting.

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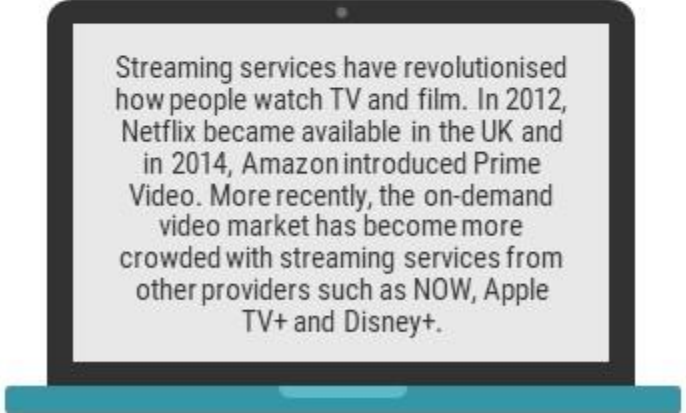
The biggest change in the 70s was colour television with more people owning a colour set than black and white. Although, 15 million people were still watching black and white TV.

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In 1964, BBC2 was introduced – TV's third channel. Colour television was broadcast at the end of 1967 and by the end of the sixties, almost 95% of the population had a TV.

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In the fifties, the hours of TV that was allowed to be broadcast each week was stipulated. No 24-hour broadcasting like today!



Streaming services have revolutionised how people watch TV and film. In 2012, Netflix became available in the UK and in 2014, Amazon introduced Prime Video. More recently, the on-demand video market has become more crowded with streaming services from other providers such as NOW, Apple TV+ and Disney+.

**Discuss the changes. Does anything surprise you? Do you have any questions?**





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# Reflection



Today, there is so much variety in the entertainment we watch and how we watch it. What we watch can help us learn and understand about the world we live in and it can also help keep us entertained!





## Individual Liberty

With such a huge variety of entertainment available on our screens, we can choose what to watch. We can take some responsibility for our viewing to ensure we have a healthy amount of screen time.





# UN Rights of a Child



The BBC was the first broadcasting company in the UK and is now 100 years old.

We have the right to get information from the internet, radio, television, newspapers, books and other sources.



# Useful vocabulary



## Broadcast

**A programme or some information transmitted by radio or television.**

The first daily radio broadcasts began at 6pm, 14<sup>th</sup> November 1922.

## Entertained

**Provided with amusement and enjoyment.**

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## Launched

**Introduced something new.**

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## Podcast

**An audio file similar to a radio broadcast, that can be downloaded and listened to on a computer or MP3 player.**

Do you watch or listen to anything from the BBC e.g., TV, radio, podcasts?

## Traditional

**Been around for a long time.**

Do you often watch traditional channels on TV?

## Variety

**A number of different kinds of the same thing.**

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**Can you use them in your writing this week?**



## Free Tree



**Pictured:** A Welsh family collecting their tree to plant. **Source:** Woodland Trust Cymru @CoedCadw Twitter page.

Every household in Wales is being offered a free tree to plant! The 'My tree, Our Forest' initiative includes giving out 295,000 trees of 10 different native species from November to December, as part of a plan to help fight climate change. The tree varieties available from the Welsh Government and Coed Cadw the Woodland Trust in Wales are: Hazel, Rowan, Hawthorn, Silver Birch, Crab Apple, Sessile Oak, Dogwood, Dog Rose, Field Maple and

Elder. The trees are available to collect from 50 locations across Wales. Ministers say that the benefits of planting trees go beyond capturing carbon; trees help deal with flooding, can reduce stress and increase well-being. Climate Change Minister, Julie James, said, 'Trees are a lifeline to us and all of the amazing life that they support. Where would our birds, insects and animals be without them? Where would we be without them?'



**Pictured:** The first image of the black-naped pheasant-pigeon. **Source:** Jordan Boersma's Twitter page.

## 'Like finding a unicorn'

A group of researchers have described photographing a bird not seen for 140 years (that was believed to be extinct) as, 'like finding a unicorn'. The first and last time the black-naped pheasant-pigeon was observed was in 1882. The researchers were able to capture the first-ever photograph of the animal with a remote camera trap set up on Fergusson Island, an island off Papua New Guinea. During the month-long search, the team placed 12

camera traps on the slopes of Mt. Kilkerran, Fergusson's highest mountain, and positioned eight cameras in locations where local people had reported seeing the pheasant-pigeon. The black-naped pheasant-pigeon is a large, ground-dwelling pigeon with a broad tail. Scientists still have lots to discover about the rare bird species and are now working to protect the endangered pheasant-pigeon.

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# World's fastest shoes?



**Pictured:** Moonwalkers – the world's fastest shoes? **Source:** Shift Robotics Facebook page.

Shift Robotics have announced that they have invented 'the world's fastest shoes'! The start-up company, founded by Xunjie Zang, claims that the shoes will help people to walk 250% faster – at speeds of up to 7 mph (11kmph). The battery-powered footwear, called Moonwalkers, are strapped over normal shoes and look like skates, but are reportedly powered by AI and an algorithm that allows users to walk normally without any hand control. Xunjie says, 'Moonwalkers are not skates.

They're shoes. The world's fastest shoes actually. You don't skate in them. You walk. You don't have to learn how to use them, the shoes learn from you.' The company says that the 8-wheeled shoes are 'the first-ever enhanced mobility device that enables you to walk at the speed of a run.' The shoes weigh 4.2 lbs (1.9kg), have fast charging batteries with a range of 6.5 miles (10.5km), and are built to handle rough urban terrain. The shoes are due to go on sale in March 2023, costing £1,177.

Last week's topic:

## What can football teach us about the wider world?



Yes, because you travel to different countries to watch the football and while you are there you learn about their culture and food.

**Ben**

It can teach us skills of sportsmanship, of understanding what happens and what professional footballers do.

**Caroline**

I think football can teach us so many skills including athletic ability and feet coordination. When I was new at football, I was so clumsy but now I am shooting balls over fences!

**Grace**

## Let us know what you think about this week's news?

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### Things to talk about at home ...

- What devices do you use to watch entertainment?
- What do you like to watch?
- Ask others at home, what do they watch now and what did they like to watch when they were younger?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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