

# Helping your learner watch TV and films online at any time

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## What you'll cover

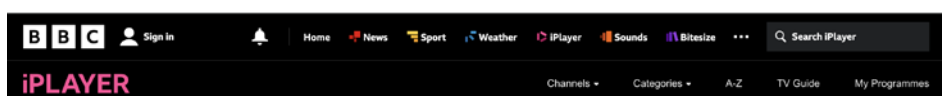
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2. How to watch something on BBC iPlayer

**Remember:** This is about helping your learner build confidence. Encourage them to carry out each step themselves and avoid doing it for them. If they do get stuck, feel free to show them, but make sure they watch and understand what you have done.

## Registering with BBC iPlayer

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1. Have your learner open the web browser.
2. Get them to select the address/search bar.
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4. Have them click on 'Sign in' to the right of the BBC logo.
5. Then they can click on 'Register now'.
6. They'll be asked to answer a few questions, enter an email address and create a password. They will then have their very own iPlayer account.
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While these examples are free to use, some others (such as Netflix or Amazon Prime Video) require a paid subscription. Make sure your learner knows this. If they are interested, you can always guide them through the set-up.



### Hints and tips and further learning:

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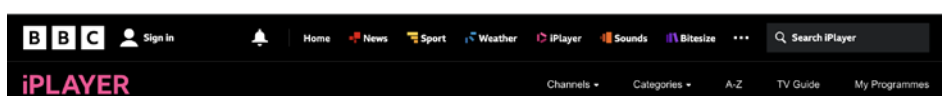
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