

STREAMING MADE SIMPLE

WELCOME & OVERVIEW

- Introduction to Streaming
 - What is streaming?
 - Why it's popular
 - How it can benefit you

WHAT IS STREAMING?

- **Definition:**
 - Watching TV shows, films, or listening to music over the internet.
- **Examples:**
 - Netflix, BBC iPlayer, Spotify, YouTube

WHAT YOU NEED TO STREAM

- **Essentials:**
 - Internet connection (Wi-Fi or broadband)
 - A device (Smart TV, tablet, smartphone, laptop, or streaming stick like Amazon Fire Stick)
 - An account with a streaming service (some are free, some require a subscription)

FREE VS PAID SERVICES

- **Free Services (with ads):**
 - BBC iPlayer
 - ITVX
 - YouTube
- **Paid Services:**
 - Netflix
 - Amazon Prime Video
 - Disney+
- Note: Many offer free trials.

POPULAR UK STREAMING SERVICES

- **BBC iPlayer** – Catch up on BBC shows.
- **ITVX** – ITV's free streaming platform.
- **All 4** – Channel 4 content.
- **Netflix, Prime Video** – Global films and shows.
- **BritBox** – British classics.

HOW TO START STREAMING

- Step 1: Connect to Wi-Fi
- Step 2: Open the app (iPlayer, Netflix, etc.)
- Step 3: Sign in or create an account
- Step 4: Choose a show or film and press play

ACCESSIBLE TIPS

- Subtitles and volume options
- Simple remotes with smart buttons
- Voice search (on smart TVs and Fire Stick)
- Accessible controls for vision and hearing

WATCH WHEN YOU WANT

- **Benefits:**
 - No need to stick to broadcast schedules
 - Pause, rewind, or restart shows
 - Binge-watch an entire series at your own pace

STAY CONNECTED

- **With Friends & Family:**
 - Watch the same shows together
 - Video calls using YouTube or apps
 - Share your favourite programs

ILLEGAL STREAMING

- Illegal streaming is the online viewing or distribution of copyrighted content, like movies, TV shows, or sports events, without the permission of the copyright holder. This involves accessing content from unauthorised sources, often through websites, apps, or modified devices. It's a form of copyright infringement and is illegal.
- A 'dodgy' firestick - people talk about a 'dodgy' firestick. This is an Amazon firestick that's software has been modified to allow it to access this illegal material.

QUESTIONS & SUPPORT

- **Where to get help:**
 - Local library or community centre digital workshops
 - Family or tech-savvy friends
 - Online guides (e.g. Age UK, BBC Tech help)
 - Tech-IT Easy