

3.3 Listening

Using television to improve your English

Focus: *developing listening skills during your leisure time.*

News Broadcasts



1. Select a station and time to watch a news broadcast.

RTE 1 (weekdays) 6.00 pm and 9.00 pm
RTE 2 (weekdays) 4.55 pm and 11.25 pm
TV3 (weekdays) 5.30 pm and 11.00 pm

2. Write down a list of headlines that you expect to hear on an Irish TV station today.

3. Listen to the headlines, and tick the stories that appear.
4. Select one news story, which is given in detail, and listen in order to answer some of the questions.

What happened?
Where did it happen?
Who was involved?
Why did it happen?



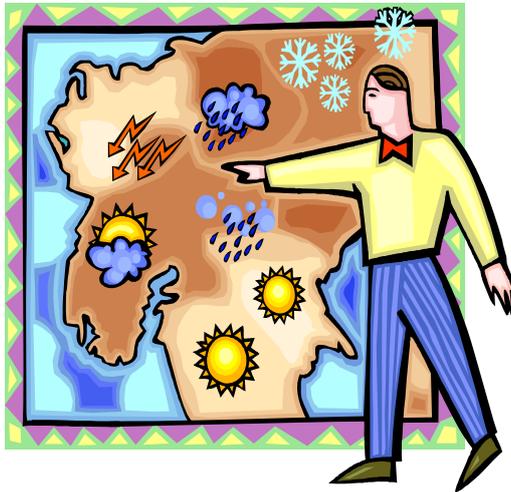
5. Check tomorrow morning's newspaper to find out more about the story.
6. If you are doing this as part of a homework exercise, retell the story to the class.

TV Advertisements (ads)

TV ads can be very short – so you must be quick! As you watch the ads, have a pen by your side, and note down the following:

- What is the product?
- What does the advertisement tell you about it?
- Tick the methods used in the ad – music, cartoon, celebrity, exaggeration, humour. Other.
- Do you think this is a good ad? Why? /Why not?

Weather Forecasts



Usually, weather forecasts appear immediately after the news.

- Before you listen to the forecast, on a sheet of paper, make a list of as many weather words as you know.
- As you listen, tick the words that you hear.
- Write down any new weather words that you hear.
- Write a short summary of tomorrow's weather. Then you can find out if it was right!