

1 The Networks

The BBC Network

The BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) broadcasts eight public service television channels. They are funded by a public licence so there are no commercials. The most popular are BBC 1 and BBC 2. BBC 1 shows a wide variety of programmes: children's TV, drama, news and entertainment such as talk shows. BBC 2 is more educational and informative. It shows documentaries, consumer advice shows and scientific programmes. It is also the home of the *Open University*.

The Commercial Networks

ITV is the main entertainment channel, showing films, sports, game shows, chat shows and some reality TV shows. Channel 4 is a mix of documentaries and entertainment. It is the main reality TV channel, the home of *Big Brother*. Channel 5 is not available in all areas. It has a reputation for being trashy, showing films and shows that have been rejected by the other channels. Each region of Britain has its own news programme at lunchtime and in the evening. The four countries (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) also have a variation of the main channels.

			 <small>CHANNEL FOUR TELEVISION</small>	
<p>NO COMMERCIALS</p> <p>CHILDREN'S TV</p> <p>DRAMA</p> <p>NEWS</p> <p>ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>TALK SHOWS</p>	<p>NO COMMERCIALS</p> <p>EDUCATIONAL</p> <p>INFORMATIVE</p> <p>DOCUMENTARIES</p> <p>CONSUMER ADVICE SHOWS</p> <p>SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMES</p>	<p>MAIN ENTERTAINMENT CHANNEL</p> <p>FILMS</p> <p>SPORTS</p> <p>GAME SHOWS</p> <p>CHAT SHOWS</p> <p>SOME REALITY SHOWS</p>	<p>DOCUMENTARIES</p> <p>ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>MAIN REALITY TV CHANNEL</p>	<p>TRASHY</p>