

AgeAction

For all older people

Getting Started

Video, TV & Radio

There are now millions of videos available to watch on the internet covering just about anything from comedy, sports, news, music, education through to kittens playing with balls of wool!

Most websites 'stream' the video, directly from the site, using a video player. This means the video is always 'played' from the website and not downloaded onto your computer.

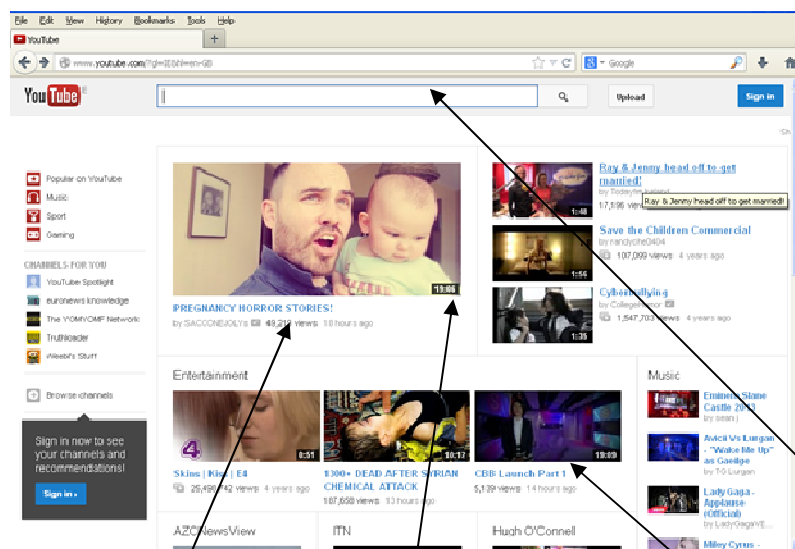
YouTube

YouTube is the most popular video website with millions of videos to watch. The 'Search' works very similarly to Google search i.e. you type in 'keywords' to find videos. To watch a video click on the 'thumbnail' i.e. picture of the video or the video title.

Step 1 Open the Internet

Step 2 Type the address www.youtube.com into the address bar.

YouTube homepage will appear – it will look something like this.



Views

The number of people who have watched

Time

Length of time the video plays for

Thumbnails

Click on the 'thumbnail or 'video title' to watch the video

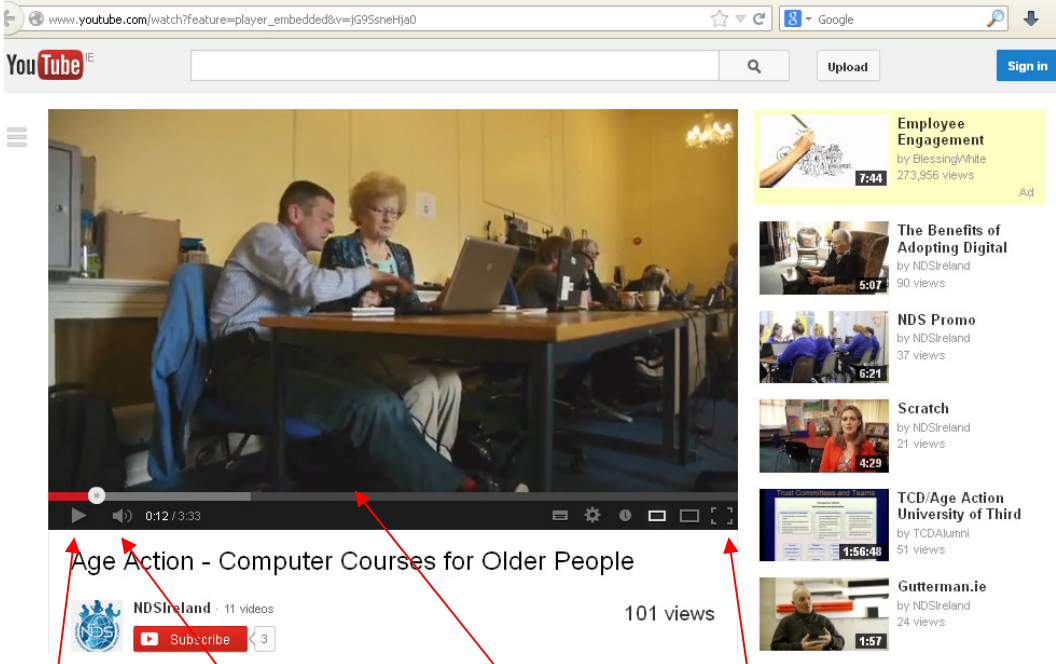
Search Bar

Search for videos using 'Keywords'

Watching a video on YouTube

Watching a video on YouTube is really easy. When you play a video you can use the player controls to pause it, change the volume it's played at and even watch it in 'full screen' on your computer.

YouTube Player Controls



The image shows a screenshot of a YouTube video player. The video is titled "Age Action - Computer Courses for Older People" and is from the channel "NDSireland". The video has 101 views. The player controls are visible at the bottom of the video frame. Four callout boxes with arrows point to specific controls: "Play/Pause video" points to the play/pause button, "Volume controls" points to the volume icon, "Status bar - 'drag' to fast forward/rewind" points to the progress bar, and "Watch in 'full screen'" points to the full screen icon.

Play/Pause video

Volume controls

Status bar – 'drag' to fast forward/rewind

Watch in 'full screen'

Activity

- 1 Click on a short video and watch it
- 2 Click on the back browser button to go back to the YouTube homepage

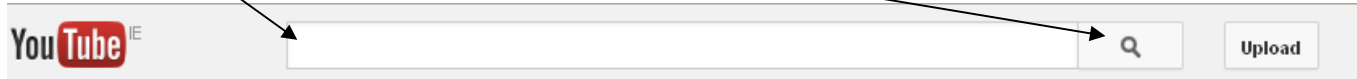
Tip:

To stop watching a video at any time, click on the back browser button



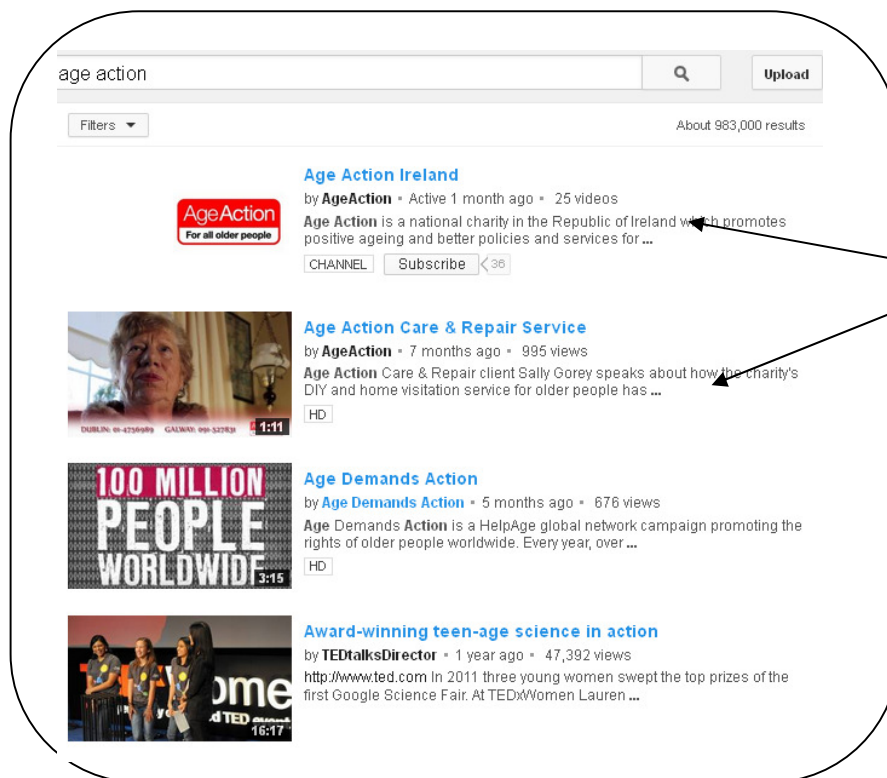
Search for a Video on YouTube

If there is something particular you would like to watch e.g. a cooking demonstration, a favourite song, a comedy sketch you can type what you are looking for directly into the YouTube **Search Bar**, then click on the **Search** button.



Activity

- 1 Type **Age Action** into the YouTube search bar
- 2 Explore the page

A screenshot of the YouTube search results page for the query 'age action'. The search bar contains 'age action' and the search button is visible. Below the search bar, there are several search results. The first result is a channel named 'Age Action Ireland' with a video titled 'Age Action Care & Repair Service'. The second result is a video titled '100 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE' by 'Age Demands Action'. The third result is a video titled 'Award-winning teen-age science in action' by 'TEDtalksDirector'. A large blue rounded rectangle highlights the search results area. Two arrows point from a 'Note' box on the right to the first and second search results. A red rounded rectangle highlights a 'Tip' box on the right.

Note:
YouTube will list the results they think are most relevant to your search

Tip:
To stop watching in "full screen" press the **Esc** button on the keyboard

- 3 Click on a link to watch a video
- 4 Practice using the player controls

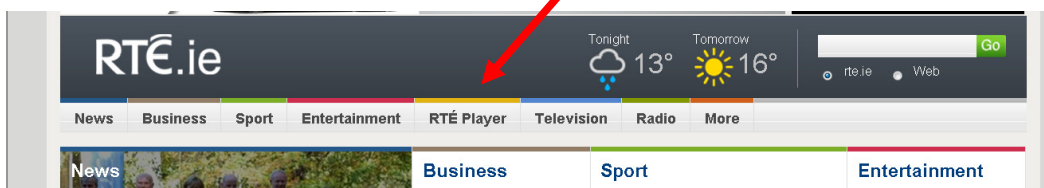
Watching TV Programmes on the Internet

On the RTÉ website there is a feature called RTÉ Player. This allows you to watch previous RTÉ programs, on your computer for free. So you can watch anything from the latest episode of Eastenders to the latest news headlines. RTÉ keep programmes up online for 21 days after the show has aired.

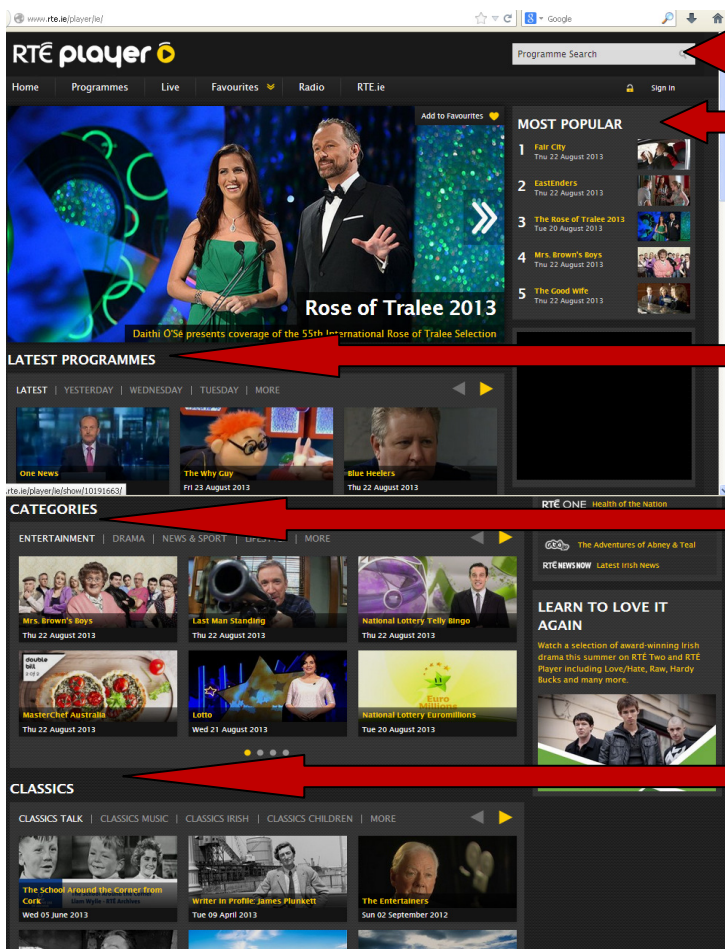
Currently we are not able to view programmes from BBC or UTV, but we can view programmes on Channel 4 (go to Channel 4od) – a useful site because it includes subtitles.

RTE Player

To use the RTÉ Player go to www.rte.ie and select “RTÉ Player” from the menu across the top of the page



The following screen (or something similar) will open up



Search
Search for a programme you'd like to watch.

Most Popular

Latest
Choose from the latest programmes

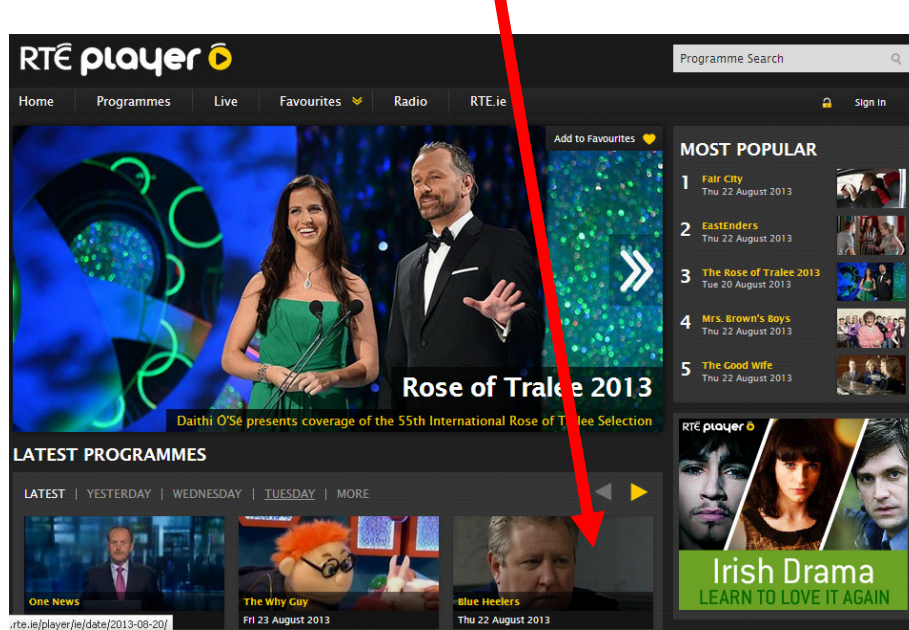
Categories
Choose from a variety of categories

Classics
These programmes are from the RTE archives

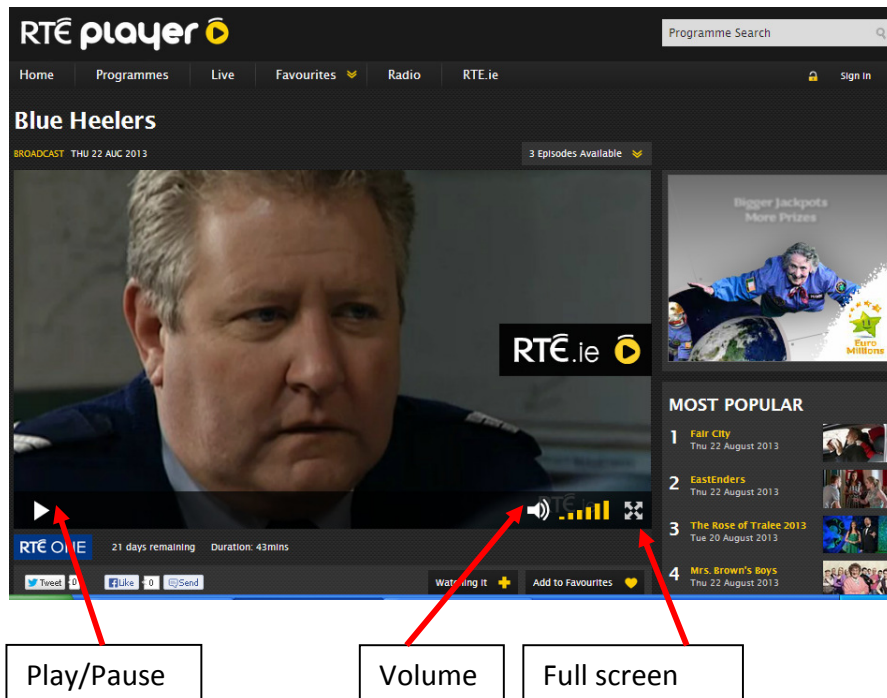
Activity 1

Watch a programme using RTÉ Player

Step 1 Click on the link to a programme you want to watch



Step 2 When the new screen appears Click on the **play** button



Step 3 Practice using the RTE Player video controls – play/pause, full screen etc.

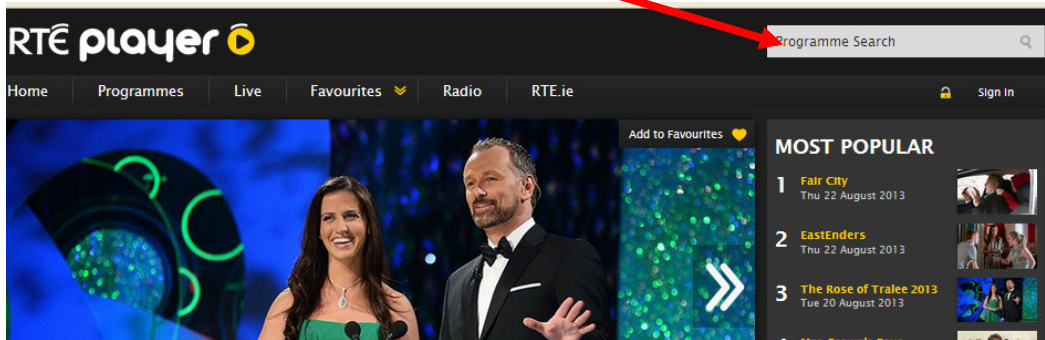
Search for a Programme with RTÉ Player

You can search for a specific programme using RTÉ Player. We will look up the weather forecast

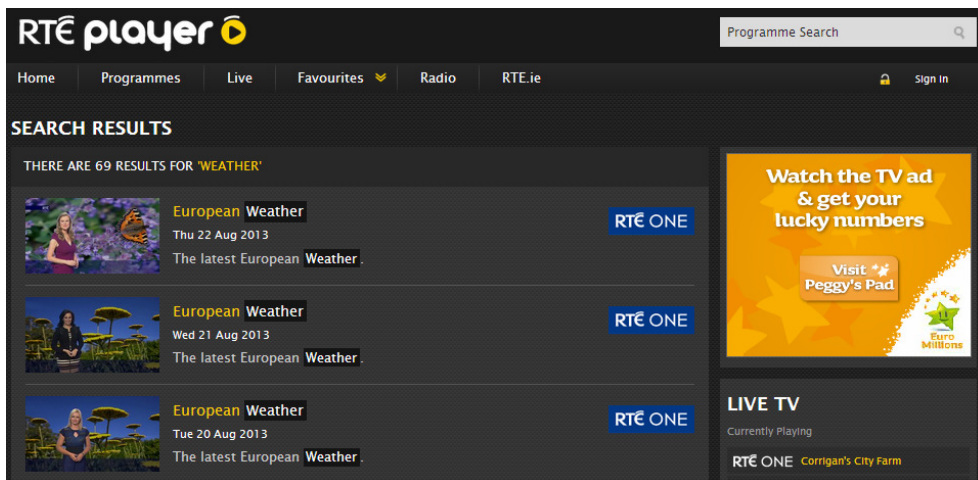
Activity 2

Search for a Programme with RTÉ Player

- 1 Go to www.rte.ie and open the RTÉ Player
- 2 Type 'weather' into the search box



- 3 Click on the weather forecast you would like to watch



Tip:
To stop watching a video at any time, click on the back browser button



- 4 Watch the video and close it when finished

Exercise

Search for the most recent "Nationwide"

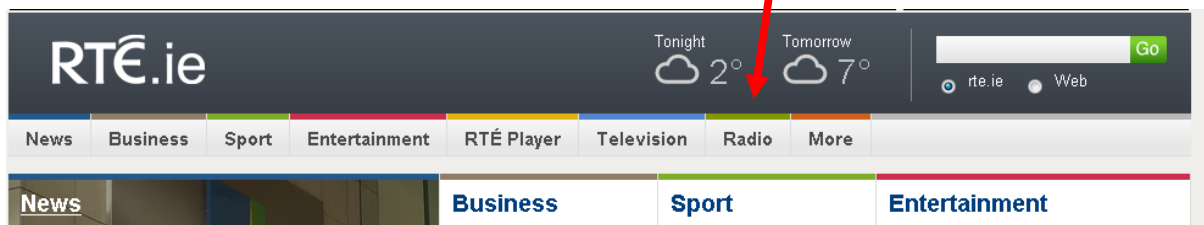
Listening to the Radio on the Internet

Many radio stations now have their own websites where you can listen live to the radio, check the radio schedule or listen to previous radio shows.

RTÉ Radio is available on the RTÉ website. (In order to listen live, you may need to download and install a free application called 'Realplayer'. A prompt will appear to let you know if you need it - it is available from www.real.com)

RTE Radio

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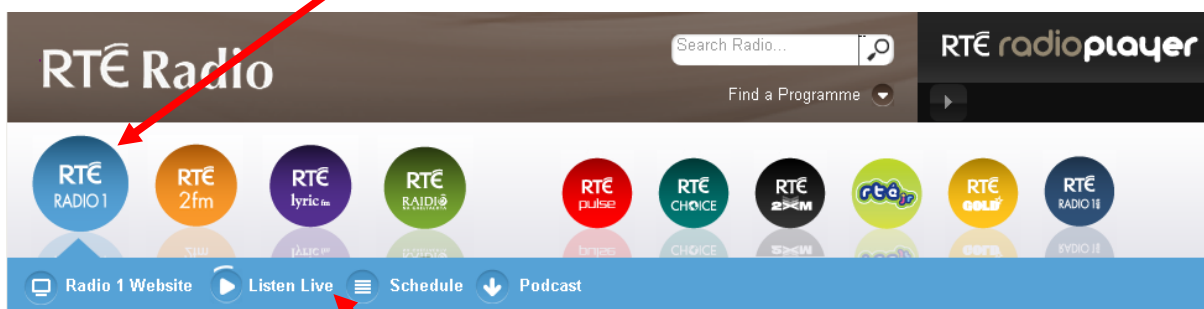
The RTÉ Radio homepage will open up

On the homepage you will find various links to Just Missed, What's on Now, Station Highlight, Most Popular, Recommended and Very Latest

Activity

Listen 'Live' to the radio

Step 1 On the home page click on the radio station you would like to listen to



Step 2 Click on Listen Live

A new window will open and the radio will begin to play. Close the window when you want to stop listening.