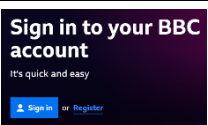


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Using your tablet, smartphone or iPad to catch up on the latest films and TV shows is a growing trend. Some packages are free, some are included with other subscriptions and some are paid either on a monthly or yearly contract. In order to view TV programmes on your device you are required to install the relevant app. In most cases the app is free to download from the App store or the Play store depending on the type of device you own. All of these apps are very similar and depending on your subscription you may be able to download programmes to watch when you are not connected to the internet.

Below is a list of some of the most popular entertainment platforms but this is not exhaustive and there are several others to choose from.

 	Free but you must have a TV license for the location that you're watching the TV in. You will be asked to register/sign in to your account.
	Free, although there is a Premium subscription service available if you don't want to put up with the advertisements.
 	All 4. You can pay £3.99 per month to go ad free with 4+ They also have a very good collection of World Drama with Walter Presents.
	Available to Sky customers. It is free but the service will reflect whatever television packages you are currently paying for.
	U was formerly UKTV Play. It includes channels like Dave, Drama and W. You can catch up on TV shows you've missed and find new shows.
 	This is a subscription service available to Amazon Prime members. Annual subscription is £95 after the free trial. There are some ads – there is an additional charge if you want to watch ad-free. There are other benefits, for example, free next day delivery on some products, limited use of the music service and some cloud storage.

	Netflix. This starts at £5.99 per month, although if you pay a higher subscription you can watch in a clearer format (HD or UHD) and on more devices at once. This is useful if there is more than 1 person in the household who wants to watch Netflix.
	At the time of writing the basic package is on offer from £6.99 per month (£9.99 after the offer period). You can choose a Sports, Entertainment or Cinema membership – the prices of these are variable. The Now TV app can be installed on your tablet, iPad or smartphone or you can watch online at NOWTV.com The NOW Smart Stick With HD & Voice Search is a portable device that plugs straight into the HDMI port of your TV, and lets you stream NOW on your big screen. You pay a monthly subscription, which you can cancel at any time. This is a good alternative for people who want to watch Sky television programmes without the yearlong contract.
	Plans start at £4.99 per month (with ads), with a premium plan costing £12.99. Just recently launched you can watch a variety of channels such as ESPN, Marvel, Star Wars and National Geographic.
	Although not strictly a place to watch traditional television programmes you will find lots of fun and instructional videos on YouTube. You may also find clips of films or television programmes that are hard to find. However not all of these have the television maker's permission and are usually very poor quality and may be suddenly removed from the website. YouTube is free of charge but there is a subscription charge available if you do not want to watch the advertisements. Paying a fee also allows you to download and save some of the videos. It is £11.99 per month and includes YouTube music.