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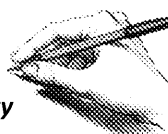
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Teacher's Introduction

Included in this teaching pack are 17 one-hour lessons with accompanying resources to be given to learners as handouts, and resources that cover all three of the Learning Aims for Unit 1: Digital Media Sectors and Audiences.

This teaching pack covers the following topics:

- A.1 Media sectors
- A.2 Media products and processes
- A.3 Digital media platforms and devices
- A.4 Multimedia technology and consumption
- B.1 Types of audience
- B.2 Audience and producer control
- B.3 Understanding audiences through research
- B.4 Audience profiling
- C.1 Communication of meaning

The table below shows how many hours have been allocated to each of the Learning Aims:

Learning Aim A	Understand digital media sectors, products and platforms
Learning Aim B	Understand audiences for digital media products
Learning Aim C	Explore how audiences engage with digital media products

Each lesson is set out in a similar format with a starter, a main lesson activity, a plenary, a style of exam questions and also an info sheet that collates all the information from the lesson plans. I have included learning aims to show what your learners should have learnt during the course of that lesson and highlighting the relevant key words to encourage learners' discussion through a variety of tasks. Also included is a glossary of key terms.

Although designed to last one hour, most lessons also offer a homework task or a question, so could easily be extended depending on the needs and abilities of your learners.

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Various minor changes, including:

- Expanded Lesson 10 main activity (new Resource 10.3) to cover the need for learners to interpret audience and product data from charts, pie charts, graphs, tables and reviews (B.4 – Audience profiling).
- List of audio genres amended (Infosheet 16)





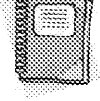
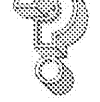

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Lesson Plan Key

	Requires access to the internet
	There is content that is sensitive or inappropriate
	Opportunity for discussion
	Information sheet (these can be given to students during/after the lesson)
	Extension or homework
	Exam-style question
	Alternative practice

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Grade Descriptors

Quoted from the BTEC 2012 Specification Creative Digital Media Production

Level 2 – Pass

- ⊙ A sound understanding of key definitions, e.g. media sectors, products
- ⊙ Ability to describe audience responses to select media products and to develop these products
- ⊙ Ability to interpret basic information relating to media contexts to relevant processes and techniques
- ⊙ Ability to recall and apply key media concepts with appropriate examples
- ⊙ Ability to recall and apply knowledge of digital products
- ⊙ Ability to understand how media products are used within our modern world and to understand these media products through SWOT
- ⊙ Ability to understand the interrelationships between products, platforms and audiences
- ⊙ Ability to use basic analytical techniques to interpret market research

Level 2 – Distinction

- ⊙ Ability to demonstrate knowledge of more complex techniques or applications of products and their value for audiences
- ⊙ Ability to communicate knowledge of varying digital media products, platforms and audiences while identifying the interrelationships and connections between them
- ⊙ Ability to assess market research and digital technologies and understand how to use them effectively to engage a certain type of audience
- ⊙ Ability to apply knowledge of key concepts to complex and detailed contexts
- ⊙ Ability to show depth of knowledge and development of understanding of processes and platforms, detailing their impacts, uses and value
- ⊙ Ability to make effective judgements of positive and negative effects of digital media products and information
- ⊙ Ability to discuss and evaluate the potential effects of digital media products and platforms for appropriate solutions
- ⊙ Ability to select and apply analytical techniques to interpret market research

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Useful Websites

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	www.pegi.info/en/index		www.pcc.org
	www.ofcom.org.uk		www.barb.co
	www.filmeducation.org		www.bfi.org
	www.rajar.co.uk		www.jiscdigital
	www.mediauk.com		www.mediauk
	www.nrs.co.uk		

Glossary of Key Words

Aberrant reading	Describes when the audience interprets meaning that is not intended by the media producer
Access	Refers to a means of approach, i.e. making media is available to a wider audience than ever before
Analogue	An older and now outdated system of broadcast
Active media	Media that requires audience interaction and engagement to understand the meaning or message embedded within the product, e.g. <i>The Treasure Hunt: A Chad, Matt & Rob Interactive Adventure</i> (YouTube)
Active viewing	An audience/consumer/viewer that fully interacts with the media, contributing to and becoming part of the production while watching, rather than just observing how they interact with it
ASA (Advertising Standards Authority)	The UK's independent regulator of advertising across all media
Audience profiling	<p>A detailed breakdown (profile) defining the type of audience that is most likely to be interested in a particular media text. Producers will use this information when creating a new media text, such as a television programme, to determine what the primary audience would be. Audience profiling is also used by advertising sponsorship and deals with companies that share a similar target audience. An audience profile usually consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age • Buying habits • Interests • Loyalty to brands • NRS social grade • Aspirations • Gender • Lifestyle • Media consumption • Occupation
Audience research methods	Finding out information about the audience through questionnaires, surveys, focus groups (primary research) or using existing data (archive research (secondary research)), for example
Audience Statistics	The collection of numerical data in terms of circulation, ratings and sales that can be used to analyse the audience
BBFC (British Board of Film Classification)	Funded by the film industry, the BBFC is responsible for classifying films and television content, e.g. U, PG, 12A, 12, 15, 18, and also some video games. It also issues specific themes or content, such as the Grand Theft Auto series
Convenience	Being able to do something with little difficulty or effort

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Box office	Definition 1) A place where tickets are bought and sold. Definition 2) Refers to the commercial success of a film, measured by its gross income, as well as the popularity of the actors and actresses. The highest-grossing film in the UK is currently <i>Skyfall</i> (2012) that made £102,722,887 and more than £100 million.
Campaign	A series of intended promotions to promote a new product, reaching out to a large audience including the target market.
Characterisation	Characters within a narrative, i.e. depictions of people and their personalities.
Closed narrative	A narrative with a clear sense of an ending and no further developments.
Codes and conventions	Elements such as visual and sound, that create meaning and context of a particular genre or type of media product.
Connectivity	Refers to the state of being connected through the internet. For example, in London could communicate with a person in New York.
Connotation	What a phrase or word suggests or implies, e.g. fire, danger.
Convergence	Where two or more media sectors are merged together. For example is the convergence of print media such as newspapers and content, e.g. <i>The Guardian</i> newspaper and www.theguardian.com .
Creative media sector	Refers to all areas of media production, ranging from film, television, radio, print, digital, etc.
Cross-media	Where a media product can be distributed across multiple media platforms, merchandise, etc.) For example, the Angry Birds franchise is an excellent example of cross-media.
Demographics	Used to describe the audience of a media product based on gender and NRS social grade, e.g. the audience of a TV show might be described as predominately female, of the ABC social grade, ages of 20 and 40.
Denotation	The literal meaning of a word or phrase, e.g. the Oxford University that educates children.
Devices	The collective term to describe technological objects used in media production, e.g. MP3/MP4 players, laptops, PCs, games consoles, etc.
Digital	The current system of broadcast media.
Distribution	When a media product is available to the audience through a particular channel.
Exhibition/consumption	The showing of a media product to an audience.
Genre	A type that has a set of typical conventions.
Global village	A term first used by Marshall McLuhan to describe the world as a global communication far more accessible, enabling us to be connected with people from various social groups.
Group consumption	Media platforms and devices that can be enjoyed by a group of people at the same time, e.g. MMORPGs (massively multiplayer online role-playing games).
Iconography	Images or symbols that are associated with a particular culture or group.
Ideology	A system of beliefs, ideas and values that are common to a particular group or culture.
Immediacy	Refers to an immediate involvement with something, e.g. a live performance.
Individual consumption	Media platforms and devices that can be enjoyed by an individual, e.g. e-magazine.
Interactivity	Digital media that encourages audience participation.
Juxtaposition	The placing of two opposing elements next to one another to highlight differences.
Mainstream audience	Describes a large target audience that consumes the dominant culture (mainstream) media texts.

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Mise-en-scène	The arrangement of objects in the frame, e.g. as lighting, props and sets
Mode of address	How a media text speaks to an audience
Multi-strand narrative	A number of different storylines within a single audience
Narrative	Describes an account of connected events
Narrative devices	Techniques that move the narrative forward, e.g.
Negotiated reading	Meaning that is generated depending on what is through attitudes, beliefs, values and personal
Niche audience	Describes a small target audience that share un
NRS Social Grade	A system of audience demographic classification of the audience. This system is used in the UK.
Ofcom (Office of Communications)	Known as the communications regulator, Ofcom fixed-line telecoms, mobiles, postal services and wireless devices operate, in order to protect the
Omniscient narrator	A narrative mode in which the narrator knows everything, believability to the plot
Open narrative	A narrative with no clear ending
Oppositional reading	The rejection of the intended meaning of a media with the intended meaning created by the media
Passive media	Media that requires observation rather than an of media texts, e.g. television can be described
Passive viewing	An audience/consumer/viewer that does not full or its associated content, nor do they generate way
PCC (Press Complaints Commission)	A voluntary regulatory body that administers the newspapers and magazines, by dealing with complaints of newspapers and magazines (print and online) the Code of Practice
Personalisation	Adjusting content for a particular individual. Can experience and add value, e.g. being able to loc
PEGI (Pan European Game Information)	A rating system that rates games based on the
Platforms	Describes how media products are distributed, e.g. cinema release, digital download, DVD, radio broadcast streaming, etc.
Plot	Defines the events that make up a story
Polysemic reading	A media text that has multiple meanings
Portability	Refers to an object able to be moved with ease
Post-production	Tasks that are done after filming begins. These <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editing video footage • Adding SFX • Adding titles, graphics, colour/exposure co
Preferred reading	The intentional meaning of a media text created
Pre-production	Tasks that are done before production begins. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building sets • Costume design and preparation • Prop design and preparation • Recce (a visit to locations to check their suitability) • Securing financial backing and budgeting

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Primary audience	Also known as the target audience; who the media product is intended for
Primary research	Information obtained first hand from the audience
Product	Term used to describe the type of media that has been created, e.g. educational game, film
Production	The shooting of footage
Qualitative research	Describes research based on attitudes, thoughts and feelings, not figures
Quantitative research	Describes research based on facts and figures that can be measured in statistical data
Representation	How people, places, events and ideas are portrayed in a media product so the audience learns to easily understand the world around them
Secondary audience	Describes viewers who are considered to be outside the primary audience; they are viewers that can affect consumption statistics
Secondary research	Research that has already been conducted by someone else, e.g. books, journals and Internet research, for example
Sectors	Different parts of the creative industry. These are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audio • Websites • Moving image (film/video and TV) • Publishing • Games
Stereotype	Typical traits associated with a particular social group. They are often conventional and are continuously repeated and used
Story	Recounting the sequence of events
Structures	Framework that presents the narrative in a particular way. They usually start at the beginning and will be chronological
Stylistic codes	What is used in media products, e.g. colour, framing, editing, camera composition or navigation, mise-en-scène, lighting
Synergy	Describes two or more media sectors working together. The effect is considered to be greater than the lone effect of each
Technological convergence	Describes the coming together of more than one media technology distributed across a range of media platforms simultaneously
The hypodermic needle model	The theory that proposes that media messages can be spread quickly and can influence people to act a particular way
Themes	Topics of discussion in a narrative, e.g. coming of age
User-generated content	Content that can be created by the media user, such as mobile phone photography
Uses/gratifications model	The theory that audiences use media texts in order to satisfy needs such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Escapism • Personal relationships • Surveillance • Entertainment • Personal identity • Social interaction
WeMedia	An industry term to describe user/audience (the 'we') and media (the 'media') need for media professionals.

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Suggested Scheme

Lesson	Topic Covering	Learning Aim	Title	
1	Topic A.1 Media sectors	A: Understanding digital media sectors, products and platforms	Introduction to Unit 1: Digital Media	Learners understand digital and provide also intro studying
2	Topic A.2 Media products and processes	A: Understanding digital media sectors, products and platforms	Media Processes	Learners product product
3	Topic A.3 Digital media platforms and devices	A: Understanding digital media sectors, products and platforms	Digital Media Platforms and Devices	Learners through ac
4	Topic A.4 Multimedia technology and consumption	A: Understanding digital media sectors, products and platforms	Multimedia Technology and Consumption: Part I	Learners capability
5	Topic A.4 Multimedia technology and consumption	A: Understanding digital media sectors, products and platforms	Multimedia Technology and Consumption: Part II	Learners multimed concep
6	Topic B.1 Types of audience	B: Understand audiences for digital media products	Types of Audience: Part I	Learners types and
7	Topic B.1 Types of audience	B: Understand audiences for digital media products	Types of Audience: Part II	Learners audience between

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8	Topic B.2 Audience and producer control	B: Understand audiences for digital media products	Audience and Producer Control	Learners will understand regulatory bodies
9	Topic B.3 Understanding audiences through research	B: Understand audiences for digital media products	Understanding Audiences through Research	Learners will understand researched (audience) and audience research
10	Topic B.4 Audience profiling	B: Understand audiences for digital media products	Audience Profiling	Learners will understand measured and unmeasured audiences
11	Topic C.1 Communication of meaning	C: Explore how audiences engage with digital media products	Codes as Signs	Learners will understand meaning
12	Topic C.1 Communication of meaning	C: Explore how audiences engage with digital media products	Stylistic Codes as Signs: Part I	Learners will understand how they are used
13	Topic C.1 Communication of meaning	C: Explore how audiences engage with digital media products	Stylistic Codes as Signs: Part II	Learners will understand stylistic codes
14	Topic C.1 Communication of meaning	C: Explore how audiences engage with digital media products	Creating Meaning: Part I	Learners will understand how used in creating meaning
15	Topic C.1 Communication of meaning	C: Explore how audiences engage with digital media products	Creating Meaning: Part II	Learners will understand how stylistic codes can be used in media
16	Topic C.1 Communication of meaning	C: Explore how audiences engage with digital media products	Genre and Representation	Learners understand representation concepts to communicate
17	Topic C.1 Communication of meaning	C: Explore how audiences engage with digital media products	Narrative	Learners understand how digital media communicate
18–30	Opportunity for revision/recap lessons and activities			

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Lesson Plan 1 – Introduction to Unit 1: Digital Media



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LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ the difference between digital and analogue media products and examples of each
- ✓ the different sectors they will be studying and how they are linked

Keywords: *analogue, digital, sectors, synergy*



STARTER

⌚ *Time limit: 5–10 minutes discussion with 5 minutes*

Quick starter discussion: Learners will need to be in small groups of 4 and ask learners to write down 'digital' and 'analogue' in the form of a Venn diagram. *What do you think 'digital' and 'analogue' mean?* Learners are to place their definitions in the Venn diagram. Other groups can see them. Ask each group to feed back their thoughts.

Quiz: digital or analogue? Learners are to identify correctly which media products are analogue. You will need **Resource 1.1**. You have the option of choosing from the following:

- ➔ After calling out each of the media products, learners are to shout out whether they are digital or analogue
- ➔ Write 'digital' and 'analogue' on the board in two columns, pick a product and ask the class if they agree
- ➔ Choose two opposite corners of the room: one corner is digital and the other is analogue. The media product and learners are to move to the correct area of the room.



MAIN

Introduce learners to the five key sectors of the creative industries by giving each one a key sector (moving film [film/video and TV], advertising, music, publishing, and games). Groups of learners are given 5 minutes to think of as many types of digital media as they can with the sector they have been given. Hand out **Resource 1.2**, or ask learners to use their exercise books. Each group is to feed back to the class and learners are to add to the list. Take no longer than 10 minutes. Introduce the terms 'synergy' and 'cross-media synergy' and ask learners what 'cross-media synergy' might mean. If no discussion is started, give an example.



EXPOSITION

Teacher to explain how sectors are linked through synergy using real examples. Give out **Resource 1.3**; learners are to discuss how digital media sectors are linked. Give out the digital sectors (advantages, etc.). You may wish to focus on three sectors. Learners are to write their notes in the Venn diagram. Recap lesson and give out **Introduction to Unit 1: Digital Media**.



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 1.4**); this can be done as a class (teacher asking question and learners answering) or given to learners to write on. If done as a class, learners are to swap their sheets with the person sitting next to them to check answers.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners could be asked to further research their allocated key sector using the internet.

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Digital or Analogue?

Magazine	Eight-track tapes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Film strip (8 mm / 16 mm / 35 mm)	Music/film download	<input type="checkbox"/>
HD camcorder (flash memory SD card)	DAB radio	<input type="checkbox"/>
DVRs (digital video recorders)	SLR (single-lens reflex) photography	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vinyl records	DVD	<input type="checkbox"/>
Digital TV broadcast	E-books	<input type="checkbox"/>
JPEG	Terrestrial TV broadcast	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Podcast	<input type="checkbox"/>

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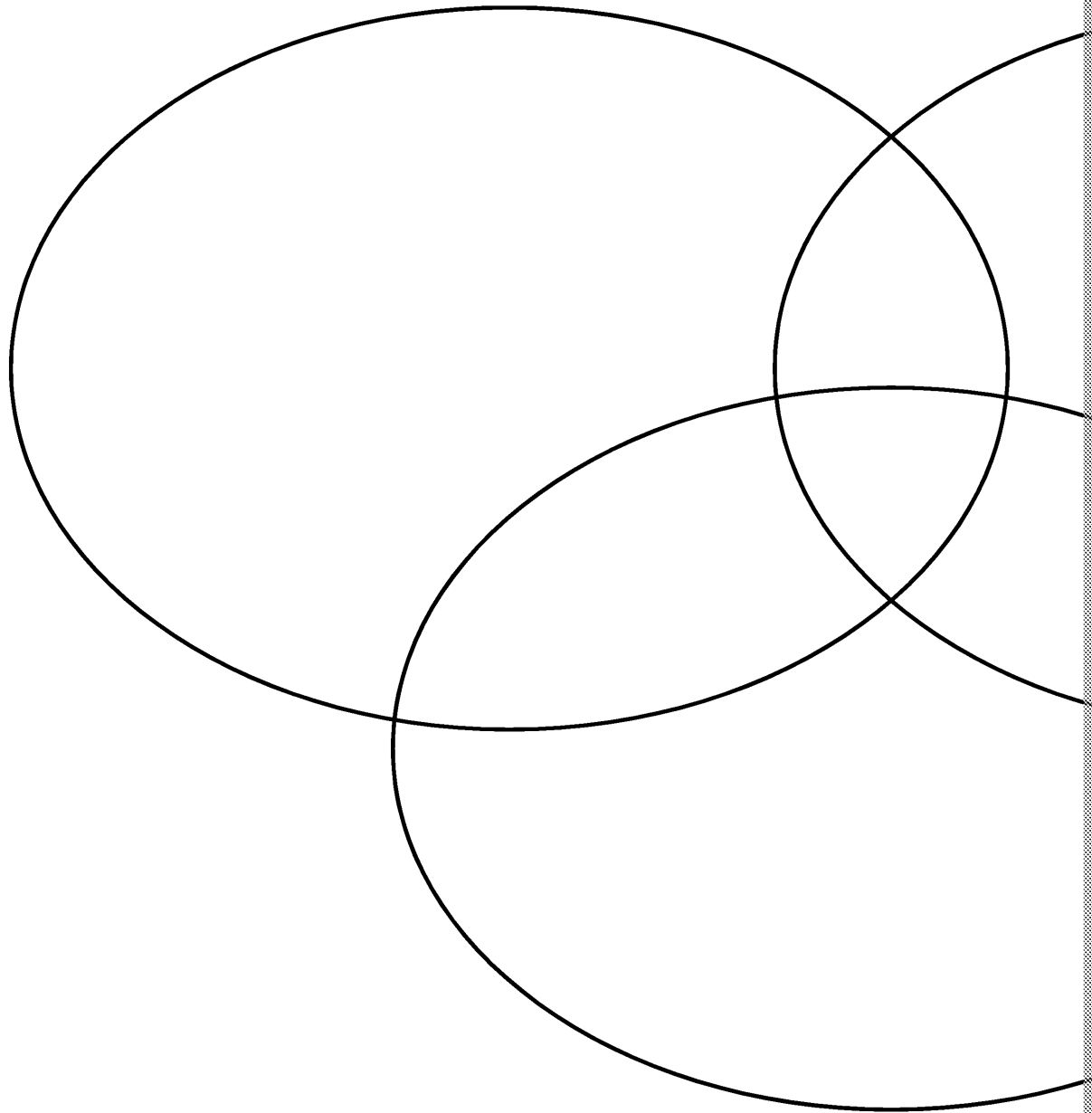
Moving image (film/video and TV)	Audio	Publishing

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 1: Introduction to Unit 1: Digital Media

1. Which of the following is an example of a digital publishing product?
 - a) Company website
 - b) Podcast
 - c) E-magazine
 - d) Television commercial

2. Give **one** example of a digital media product.

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3. Use this scenario to answer the following questions.

You are working for the film production company ZigZag House. You have been asked to come up with ideas for how the company can work with other digital media sectors to create a campaign to promote a high-budget film that will be shown in cinemas and on DVD both nationally and globally.

- a) Suggest a way in which the **publishing industry** might work with the film industry to create a promotional campaign.

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- b) ZigZag House working with other digital media sectors is an example of cross-media synergy. Give one advantage of cross-media synergy.

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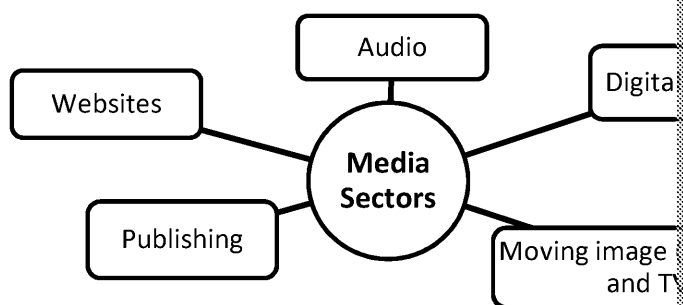
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Lesson 1: Introduction to Unit 1: Digital Media

Digital or analogue? Answers to Resource 1.1

Digital	Analogue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-linear editing systems • E-books • JPEG • DVD • MP3 player • Internet radio • Music/film download • DAB radio • HD camcorder (flash memory SD card) • Digital camera • DVRs (digital video recorders) • Digital TV broadcast • Podcast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vinyl records • Magnetic tape • Eight-track tape • Tape-to-tape • Film strip (8 mm) • Terrestrial TV • Analogue radio • SLR (single-lens reflex) • Magazine



Synergy

Definition: Describes two or more media sectors 'working together'. The combined effect is greater than the lone effect of each of the individual media sectors.

Example: The Walt Disney Company is an excellent example of synergy. As a part of the following subsidiaries: Touchstone Pictures, Pixar, Marvel Entertainment and Miramax. Disney television channel, Radio Disney, the Disney branded store, Disney magazine, Disney merchandise, such as toys and clothing, as well as CDs, DVDs, and not forgetting Disney resorts and Celebration, Florida – a residential community developed by Disney.

Notes on the advantages/implications of synergy:

- Cross-media synergy raises/creates national and/or global awareness of a particular company, wider target audience and demographic which creates revenue and maximises profit.
- Cross-media synergy enables companies to utilise each other's skill sets that can be used in a varied range of media platforms (that would be restricted given just one skill set) for wider distribution.
- Cross-media synergy allows for a greater presence of a particular company, which increases brand awareness and becomes easily recognisable by the audience.

Examples of types associated with each media sector for Resource 1.2

Film/video	Films, trailers, documentaries, animations, training videos
TV	Adverts, drama, music videos, factual programmes, light entertainment
Audio	Adverts, drama, news and current affairs, light entertainment
Publishing	Adverts, flyers, posters, e-newspapers, e-magazines
Digital games	Apps, entertainment, educational, simulation, online (MMORPG), multiplayer online games and massively multiplayer online role playing games

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Lesson Plan 2 – Media Processes



LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ different digital products and the stages of development in their production processes of development

Keywords: *pre-production, production, post-production, distribution, exhibition*



STARTER

Quick starter discussion and starter activity: ask learners to give examples of digital products. Pose the question: *what are the stages in the creation of a media product?* Ask learners to discuss about the different stages. Once they have correctly identified the five stages, ask them to write them down. You will then need **Resource 2.2** for the next activity, where learners are asked to identify the tasks carried out in each of the different stages (pre-production, production, post-production only). Ask the learners to match the activity with the correct stage in the diagram. The **Resource 2.2** gives examples of tasks that are generic to both film and television.



This can either be done as a written exercise (learners working individually) or a verbal exercise (learners working in groups). You may choose to adapt the activity to suit your needs. If learners are working in groups, you also have the option of discussing the processes and sharing them between the groups.



MAIN

This activity requires that learners have access to the Internet. Learners are to be divided into groups of four people. Assign each group either audio, publishing or digital games (film and television are covered in the starter activity). Give each group a sheet of A3 paper. Ask them to identify the different stages (pre-production, production and post-production). Group members are to discuss and highlight any similarities learners may point out. This should take between 10 and 15 minutes. Then identify the next stages: distribution and exhibition/consumption. Ask the question: *what does distribution and exhibition/consumption mean?* This can be done by writing on the whiteboard and choosing learners to write their suggestions, in their own words, on the board. Discuss what learners have suggested and encourage them to suggest other ways of distribution and exhibition/consumption.



EXPOSITION

Teacher to revisit cross-media (remind learners what it means) and highlight the importance of cross-media. Alternatively, learners could get into small groups to suggest other ways of distribution and exhibition/consumption. Recap the lesson.



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 2.3**) Learners should feel confident that they can identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Information Sheet 2.1**.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners could be asked to create a stage sheet for each of the sectors, using the information from the lesson and/or create a mind map.

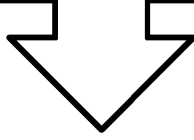
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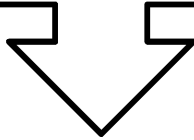


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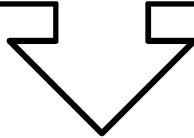
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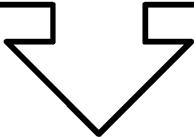
Production



Post-production



Distribution



Exhibition/consumption

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Filming (shooting)	Risk assessment (identifying potential hazards)	
Set construction	Drawing up the storyboard	C
Production schedule	Adding titles and graphics	C
Scriptwriting	Adding special effects (SFX)	Sc
Costume design	Audience research	
Reshooting scenes (pick-up shots)	Sourcing props	L
On-set photography	Production meeting	

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 2: Media Processes

- Which of the following would be considered a post-production activity?
 - Script read-through
 - Taking photographs for a magazine article
 - Shooting footage
 - Mixing sound

- Give **one** example of a pre-production task when creating a website.

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- Which of the following is an example of a digital publishing product?
 - Podcast
 - E-magazine
 - Web page
 - Film trailer

- Match up the process with the correct example:

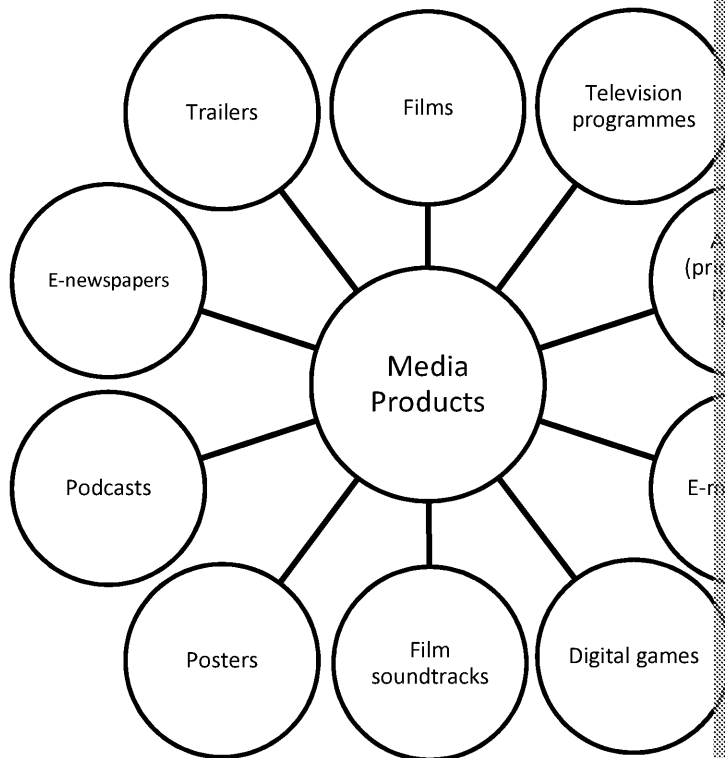
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Media Processes

Stage	Explanation
Pre-production	Tasks that are done before production begins (planning, researching and preparing a media product)
Production	(Shooting or constructing the different elements of a media product)
Post-production	Bringing together all the elements from the production stage to create a finished media product
Distribution	Making a product accessible to audiences through advertising and promotion
Exhibition/ consumption	Viewing / interacting with the finished media product



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Resource 2.2 Answers

Pre-production	Production	
Risk assessment (identifying potential hazards) Set construction Drawing up the storyboard Production schedule Cast auditions (if applicable) Scriptwriting Script read-through Costume design Audience research Sourcing props Location scouting Rehearsals	Filming (shooting) On-set photography Production meeting	Re

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Lesson Plan 3 – Digital Media Platforms and Devices



LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ the types of platform through which digital media are distributed and devices

Keywords: *platforms, devices*



STARTER

What am I? Learners will need to be in pairs for this activity and will need a whiteboard and a marker. Using **Resource 3.1** give out 4–6 cards per pair. Learners see what is on the cards. Each learner takes a turn to describe the image on the card, draw the object and guess what the image is. Once the learner has guessed correctly, continue until each pair has guessed all their cards correctly.



MAIN

Learners are to correctly identify which of the objects from the starter activity are platforms and which are devices. Place learners in groups of four and hand out two pieces of A3 paper, ask them to write 'platforms' on one piece and 'devices' on the other. Learners are to use the images from the starter activity and place them on the correct piece of paper. Groups to feed back their decisions. This activity should not be longer than 15 minutes. For the next activity, you will need the match up activity. Learners must correctly match the key terms, definitions and examples to help complete the activity. That advert can be applied to TV, audio and publishing. This activity can be done as an individual written task that further aids learning. Learners to write the terms covered in the lesson; you will need **Resource 3.3** for this and show them the examples and a further 5 minutes to mark answers (learners are to mark their own work next to them).



EXPOSITION

Teacher to revisit distribution, exhibition and consumption (remind learners that platforms are modes of distribution and devices are modes of exhibition/consumption, giving examples and highlighting the difference).



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 3.4**). Learners should feed back to the class what they can identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Information Sheet 3.1: Digital Media Platforms and Devices**.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners could be asked to choose a media product or the teacher could assign a media product for them to create a mind map of the platforms and devices that the media product uses.

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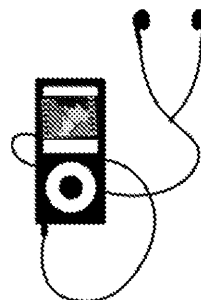
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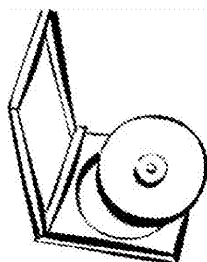
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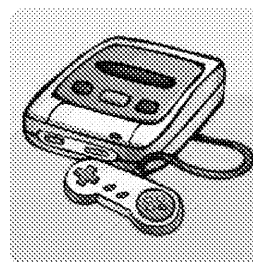
You are describing MP4 players.



You are describing a CD.



You are describing games console.



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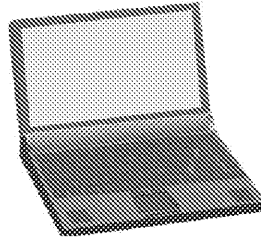


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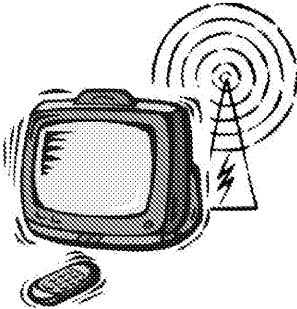
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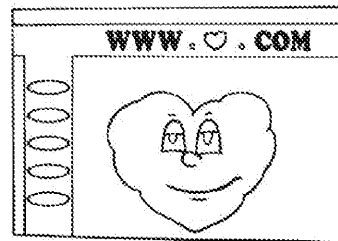
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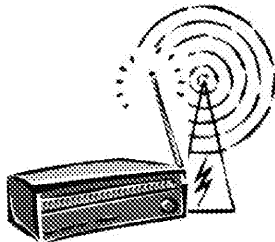
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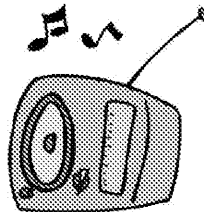
You are describing web pages.



You are describing radio broadcast.



You are describing radio.



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Sector	Describes the different industry, e.g. mobile phone
Product	Term used to describe what that has
Device	Term used to describe
Platform	Describes who distributes

Sectors

Moving image
Audio
Digital games
Publishing
Websites

Media Products

Blu-ray	Fact programme
Trailers	Fact programme
Podcasts	Music video
E-newspapers	Posters
Simulation games	Movie soundtrack

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Odd One Out Quiz

For each question, find the odd one out.
Circle it, and then write down **why** you think it is the odd one out.

1. Radio broadcast Website

Why?

2. MP3 players Podcasts

Why?

3. Posters Drama

Why?

4. Mobile phones DVDs

Why?

5. CD Tablets

Why?

6. Podcasts Music video

Why?

7. Moving image Games

Why?

8. Music videos Films

Why?

9. Adverts Publishing

Why?

10. Tablets Laptop

Why?

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 3: Digital Media Platforms and Devices

1. Which one of the following would be considered a device?
 - a) Games console
 - b) TV broadcast
 - c) DVD
 - d) Digital download

2. You have been asked to create a new advert promoting a new media product.
 - a) Name **three** sectors you could work with to create the advert.
 1.
 2.
 3.

 - b) Name **one** device that could be used to distribute the advert.
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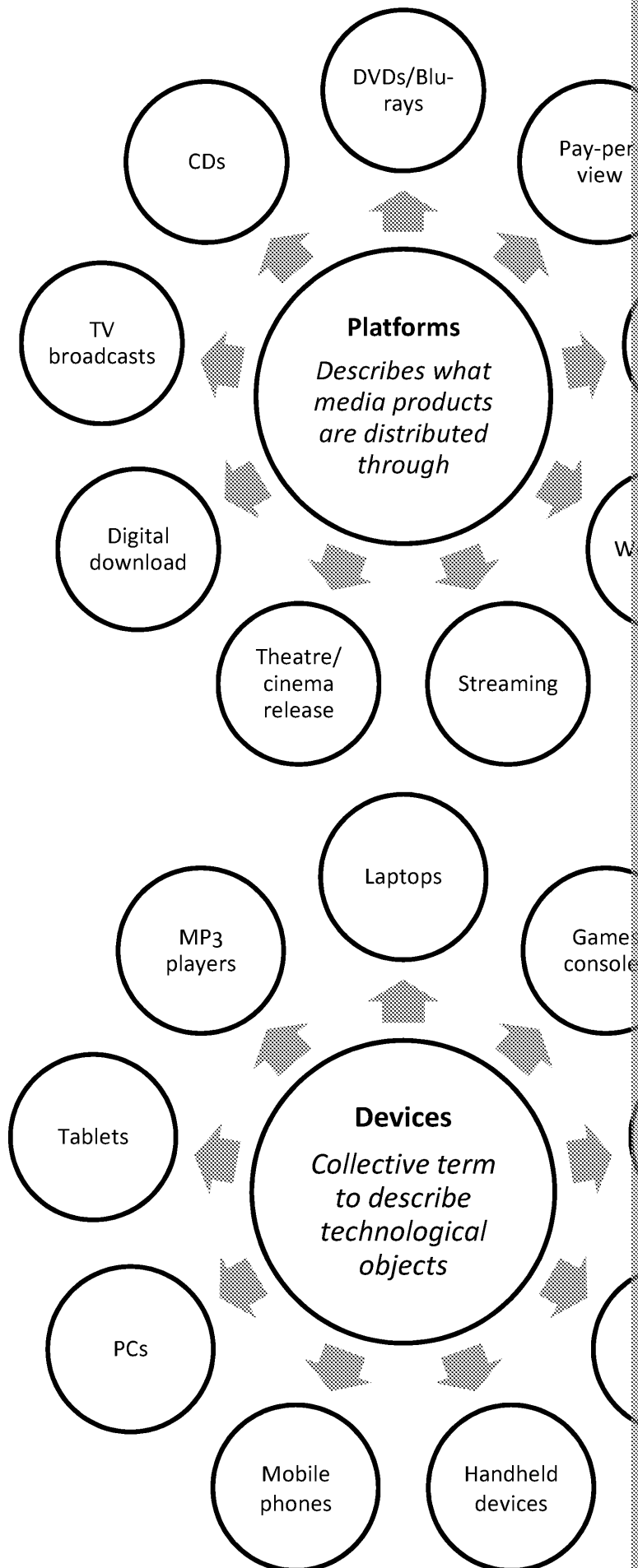
3. The cinema and DVD are two platforms that can be used to distribute a film.
Name two other platforms that could be used to distribute a film.
 1.
 2.

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Digital Media Platforms and Devices



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Answers to Odd One Out Questions

1. **Odd one out:** *Radio broadcast*
An e-magazine can be accessed through a website and not through a radio.
2. **Odd one out:** *Films*
Podcasts can be accessed through MP3 players but films cannot.
3. **Odd one out:** *Drama*
Drama isn't a media product of publishing, both e-newspapers and podcasts are.
4. **Odd one out:** *Mobile phones*
TV broadcast and DVDs are examples of platforms whereas a mobile phone is a device.
5. **Odd one out:** *CD*
A CD is an example of a platform whereas games consoles and tablets are devices.
6. **Odd one out:** *Music video*
A music video isn't an audio media product whereas podcasts and mobile phones are.
7. **Odd one out:** *Distribution*
Distribution isn't a sector whereas moving image and games both are.
8. **Odd one out:** *Films*
Both drama and music videos are media products of TV whereas film is a moving image.
9. **Odd one out:** *Adverts*
Publishing and audio are sectors whereas adverts are a media product.
10. **Odd one out:** *Website*
A website is a media platform whereas tablets and laptops are devices.

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Lesson Plan 4 – Multimedia Technology and Consumption: Part I

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LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ the cross-media capabilities of a range of devices
- ✓ the benefits of technological convergence

Keywords: access, connectivity, convenience, immediacy, portability, technology

STARTER

Write down the phrase '*technological convergence*' on the board. Ask learners to provide an example, such as using your phone to take a picture, to help learners. Write a definition (in their own words) of the term 'technological convergence'. Write it down. Remember throughout the lesson. Ask them to also copy it down.

MAIN

For the introductory activity, hand out **Resource 4.1** to learners or ask them to draw and label examples of convergence that they would use. You may want to begin the activity by getting them to think about what they are doing (e.g. listening to music, playing games, sending text messages, etc.). This activity will focus on convergence using the example of a mobile phone. This should take no longer than 10 minutes (discussion). You will need to encourage learners to think about **all** the devices that need to be covered. This can be touched upon as a verbal exercise that would involve other devices/platforms, which could lead on to the extension or homework activity.

For the main class activity, you will need **Resource 4.2**. Arrange learners in groups of four with either access, connectivity, convenience, immediacy or portability. Each group the same media product where learners are looking at different aspects (e.g. look at a variety of digital media products across a range of media sectors). They must understand what their heading means; this can be done as a quick class discussion. Give each group marker pens and the cards (as a starting point) from **Resource 4.2** to each group. They must arrange the cards into two piles: advantages and disadvantages (for both consumers and producers). They must annotate the cards with their reasons and what each one means, e.g. use of technology therefore encourages the consumer to use it. Encourage learners to use technology to access content about different devices and platforms and whether the advantages/disadvantages are for consumers/producers or both. For more-able learners, you may choose not to group them. They are to present their ideas to the class, discussing each of the points that the five groups present to the class. Groups could present their ideas in a for/against format. Keep the work as visual aids for the classroom wall.

EXPOSITION

Teacher to summarise what has been learnt in the lesson. Hand out **Informative Technology and Consumption: Part I**.

PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 4.3**). This can be done as an oral quiz to finish the lesson. Learners are to feed back answers; this could include other learners to agree or disagree with the answer given, e.g. hands up for agree/disagree or verbal responses.

EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Allocate groups / individual learners a named platform/device to work on with the task 'Accessing content from many media sectors' or 'X is a device for accessing content from many media sectors'. Learners are to create a detailed spider diagram explaining how convergence works for their given platform/device. This will test their understanding of key terms (e.g. convergence, digital media sectors).

Essay question: How has access to digital media technology changed the way we consume media?

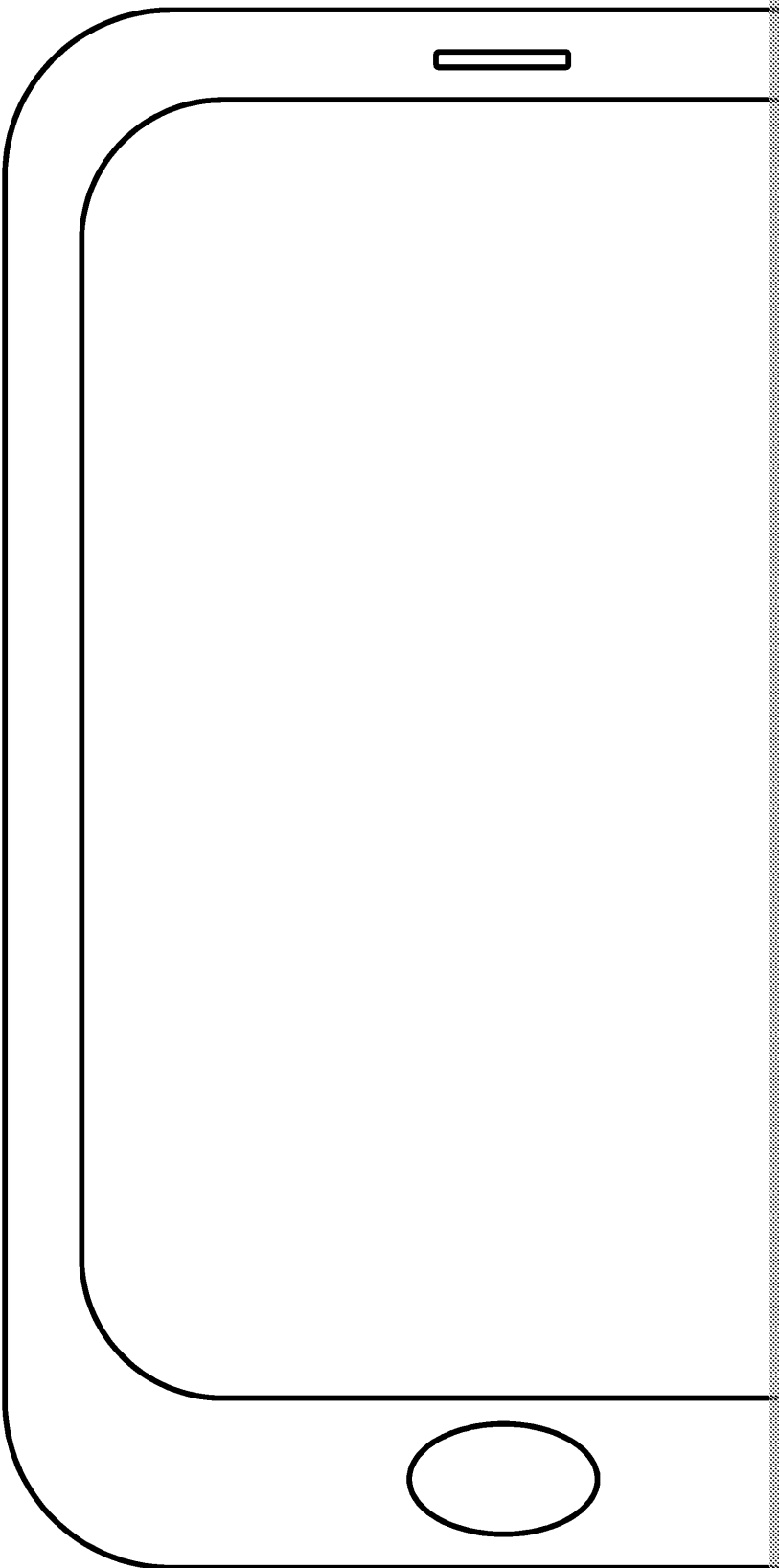


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Advantages and Disadvantages

Hand out to each group one of these headings:

ACCESS

CONNECTIVITY

CONVENIENCE

IMMEDIACY

PORTABILITY

Cut out the cards before handing them to learners. Give each of the group

Access

Inexpensive	User friendly
Heavily reliant on technology	A drop in sales of technology with only one main function as opposed to multiple functions

Connectivity

Global village	Keeping in touch
Anonymity	Reliance on technology

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Convenience

Cost effective	Reaching global/local audiences simultaneously	
Develop addictions	Become too dependent	

Immediacy

Increased speed in accessing content	Access to on demand media	
Text-based communication lacks expression and runs the risk of lack of social interaction skills	As a result of immediate media content on the Internet, online content isn't regulated as it is not owned by one specific media conglomerate	in

Portability

On the go	Always connected	At
Risk of blurring of social/work balance	Risk of theft	

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 4: Multimedia Technology and Consumption Part 1

1. a) What is technological convergence?
.....
- b) Give **one** example of technological convergence.
.....
2. Give **two** advantages of technological convergence.
 1.
 2.
3. What capabilities has technological convergence allowed for in a smart phone?
 - a) Not only a phone but also a MP3 player / web browser / camera
 - b) Has several functions converged within one device
 - c) Has functions beyond its primary technological function
 - d) All of the above

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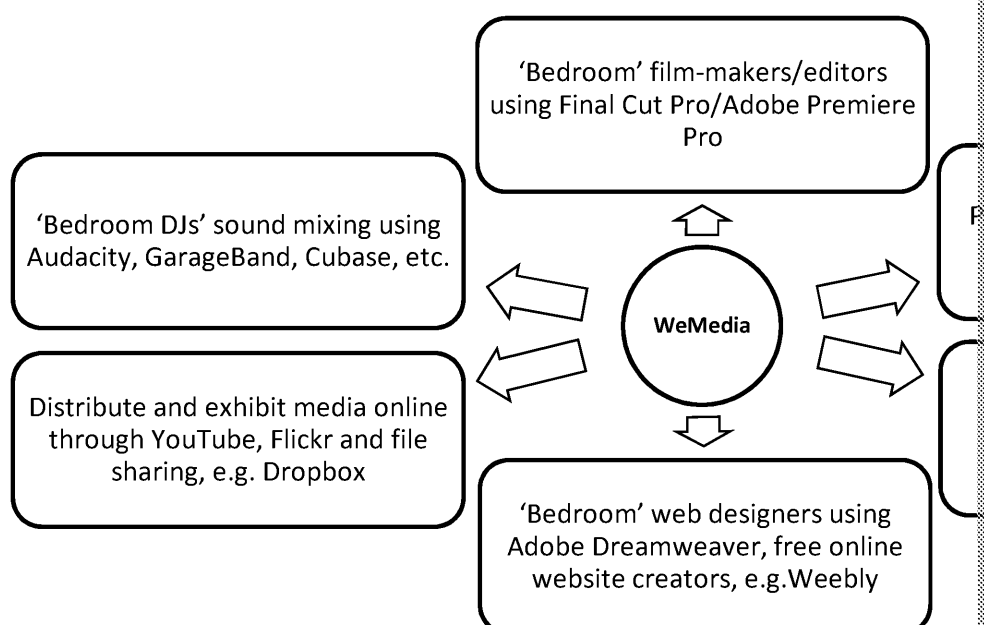


Multimedia Technology and Consumption: I

Having looked at technological convergence in class, you now know that different sectors (audio, games, moving image, publishing and websites) can be accessed on just **one** device. Due to technological advances and convergence, audiences can consume multimedia products without having to use multiple devices or platforms, making them the producer of 'WeMedia'. The impact of this digital technology has enabled **convenience**, **immediacy** and **portability**.

Examples

Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is now far easier for amateurs to create media, e.g. on a mobile phone rather than on an industry video camera. And their work seen and shared via user-friendly video-sharing sites like YouTube or Vimeo, rather than pitching their ideas for a television programme (for example) Consumers are creating their own media experience rather than leaving it to professionals to do it
Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to reach consumers on a global scale (McLuhan's 'global village' - connecting the world's population together through technology, e.g. a person in London can contact a client based in New York quite easily) Services such as Xbox Live allow players from all over the world to play together without having to be in the same room
Convenience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is much easier and cheaper to have an all-in-one device than multiple devices e.g. a mobile phone (smartphone) Producers can target consumers across a range of devices and locations at the local/national level simultaneously
Immediacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interaction with others is immediate (instant) and global, e.g. sending an instant message compared to writing a letter Content is available 24/7 on demand media, e.g. watching a TV Show on 4OD using a laptop or tablet, such as an iPad
Portability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to connect to the Internet using your mobile phone, e.g. walking to the shops (accessing Internet anywhere via hotspots / 3G) Enables people to work from home (telecommuting)



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Advantages and Disadvantages –

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Access	
Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>Inexpensive – costs less to have a device that has multiple functions rather than having several devices that each have one function</p> <p>No longer exclusive to media producers; media can be made by amateurs with ease without needing industry equipment or expertise</p> <p>User friendly – making devices easy to use encourages the audience to consume and produce media regularly and is therefore more profitable for media producers</p>	<p>Dumbing down</p> <p>A drop in sales of devices with one function instead of other multiple functions</p> <p>Society becoming too reliant on our devices</p>
Connectivity	
Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>Enabling digital communities that allow people from all over the world to connect with one another, e.g. playing <i>Call of Duty</i> on the Xbox 360</p> <p>Keeping in touch using social networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook, etc. no matter where you are in the world</p> <p>A global village – brings the world's population 'closer' together, e.g. sharing experiences, meeting people from different cultures, information is shared far more easily, etc.</p> <p>The advent of virtual reality that allows people to have experiences that would be deemed impossible or difficult in real life</p>	<p>Lack of face-to-face communication</p> <p>Anonymity and people saying things they wouldn't in real life</p> <p>People become too reliant on their devices</p>
Convenience	
Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>Cost effective or does not incur any cost</p> <p>The potential of reaching a global/local audience at any given time simultaneously, e.g. setting the weather on your iPad to your locality</p> <p>User friendly, easy to use and operate</p>	<p>Become too dependent on devices</p>
Immediacy	
Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>Kept up to date</p> <p>Get information quickly</p> <p>Communicate in real time, e.g. instant messaging such as AIM (AOL Instant Messaging), Facebook Chat, BBM (BlackBerry Messenger)</p> <p>Media is on demand, e.g. Channel 4OD, BBC iPlayer, etc.</p>	<p>Text-based communication can be misinterpreted</p> <p>Online content is not always accurate; it could be false</p> <p>Exposed to information that is not appropriate for their age</p>
Portability	
Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>Technological advancements have meant that devices are getting smaller, thinner and lighter</p> <p>Always connected, therefore easily reachable while on the move</p> <p>Ability to work from home (telecommuting)</p>	<p>May lead to blurring the boundaries between work and leisure</p> <p>Always connected, therefore may become more reliant on devices</p> <p>Irregular working patterns</p> <p>Isolation from family and friends</p>

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Lesson Plan 5 – Multimedia Technology and Consumption: Part II



LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand

- ✓ Multimedia technology and the concepts of interactivity and personalisation

Keywords: *interactivity, personalisation*



STARTER

Introduce the concepts of interactivity and personalisation to learners by asking them what these words mean and to provide examples. On the board, write down a list of suggestions for each word, five being the least relevant. Ask learners to label these suggestions with the numbers 1–5 (1 being the most relevant, 5 being the least relevant). This will help learners to define the words. Use **Resource 5.1** (diamond ranking exercise) to complete this task.



MAIN

Split the class in half, one half of the class will be focusing on interactivity and the other half on personalisation (you may wish to split each half into smaller groups). Hand out the cards from **Resource 5.2**, some A3 paper and markers. Ask learners to discuss what is written on the cards and how either interactivity/personalisation affects the industry, and what impact these concepts have on the consumer and company. Ask learners to touch on the advantages and disadvantages of these concepts, but if not possible, focus on the advantages of interactivity and personalisation. After 10 minutes, group learners so that each group has covered both interactivity and personalisation. Spend 20 minutes on this task.

Give out A3 sheets of paper to the class. Learners are then to make up their own personalised media, suggesting reasons for their choices (this will help learners to develop their understanding of the concepts and creative/presentation skills). For this task, learners can work in small groups of four, or in pairs, depending on class size. Spend 20 minutes on this task.



EXPOSITION

Use the Internet and links from **Resource 5.3** to show the class examples of interactivity and personalisation. Encourage learners to think about the pros and cons of each. Encourage learners to think about other examples of interactivity and personalisation (this can be used as the extension activity or homework task).



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 5.4**). Learners should feel confident that they can identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Information Sheet: Multimedia Technology and Consumption: Part II**.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners are to research their own examples of interactivity and personalisation. This can be done as a small group task. This also gives the learners the opportunity to present their findings to the class. Learners are to look at examples of apps (free and paid) and make an app suggestion, including the purpose of the app, functions and how interactive it is within it.

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Diamond Ranking Activity

Most important reason

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Least important reason

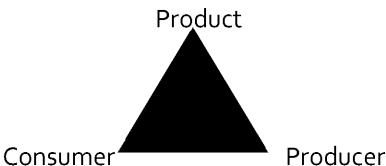
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Interactivity

Level of control or activity	<p>The relationship between</p> 
Hyperlinks / web addresses (URLs)	Forums and message boards
Red Button and TV menus	Texting/emailing to participate, e.g. phone-in competitions such as 'Thumb Wars' on Heart Bristol

Personalisation

Avatars and usernames	Login / sign in
Font features (change font style, size)	Music playlists
Advertisements on social networking sites	Smartphones
Impact on consumption	

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Examples of Interactivity and Personalisation

Examples of interactivity to show learners:

- 🖱️ Flipbook e-magazine
<http://www.issuu.com/supportawahp/docs/awahpingchristmaso11211>
- 🖱️ Toyota interactive iPad advert
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-w9gR_VKhlg
- 🖱️ Interactive online game – BBC's *Doctor Who*: The Gunpowder Plot
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00sk63>
- 🖱️ Interactive video – *The Treasure Hunt: A Chad, Matt & Rob Interactive*
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3lsu-r_xBw&list=PLE10985FA39
- 🖱️ Interactive audio
<http://ulm.edu/~beutner/zoo/index.html>
http://www.bgfl.org/custom/resources_ftp/client_ftp/ks2/music/piano/

Examples of personalisation to show learners:

- 🖱️ Personalised avatars – WeeMee
<http://www.weeworld.com/>
- 🖱️ Personalised audio
<http://www.storytimeforme.com/songs>
- 🖱️ Any of the following:
YouTube, BBC iPlayer, Amazon Recommended For You
- 🖱️ Personalised adverts (hypertargeting)
Social networking sites such as Facebook
- 🖱️ Personalised website – Pinterest
<http://www.pinterest.com/>

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 5: Multimedia Technology and Consumption: Part II

1. Explain **two** advantages of interactivity.

1.

2.

2. Give **one** example of personalisation.

.....

3. Give **one** example of interactivity.

.....

4. Give **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of personalisation.

Advantage:

Disadvantage:

5. a) What is user-generated content?

.....

b) Give **one** example of user-generated content.

.....

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Multimedia Technology and Consumption: I

Interactivity

Digital media that encourages audience participation and interaction.

Examples:

- ⊙ Flipbook e-magazines
- ⊙ Online games
- ⊙ Interactive audio
- ⊙ Interactive advertising
- ⊙ Interactive video

Advantages	Disadvantages
Consumer has a level of control over their own media experience to create meaning	Can be quite expensive
The ability to create user-generated content	Overload of too much content for the user
Enables an active audience (audience engaging with content)	Some devices do not support interactivity e.g. iPhones and iPads

Personalisation

Adjusting content for a particular individual. Can be used to improve a user's experience.

Examples:

- ⊙ Avatars
- ⊙ Log-in greetings
- ⊙ Personalised audio
- ⊙ Usernames
- ⊙ Personalised advertising
- ⊙ 'Recommended for you' lists

Advantages	Disadvantages
Makes the user feel valued as an individual	Costs incurred
Can feel part of a digital community	Time consuming
Allows for some creativity, e.g. creating an avatar	Could make the user feel seen as intrusive

User-Generated Content

Content that can be created by the media user.

Examples:

- ⊙ Blog posts
- ⊙ Memes
- ⊙ Podcasts
- ⊙ Digital editing (mashups)
- ⊙ Mobile phone videos
- ⊙ Vlogs

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Lesson Plan 6 – Types of Audience: Part I



LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ different audience types and how each type of audience interacts with digital media

Keywords: *individual consumption, group consumption*



STARTER

Begin by asking learners what they know about the term 'audience'; encourage ideas on the board. Direct learners to think about the terms 'individual' and 'group' they mean and the differences between them. Write down the definitions.



MAIN

Ask learners to each write down 'individual' on one piece of paper and 'group' on another. Read out the platforms and devices from **Resource 6.1**. Learners are to identify which typically interacts with the platforms/devices provided. Note that some platforms can be used by both individuals and groups. Those that can apply to both could be used to discuss why they appeal to individual/group audiences, e.g. watching a DVD.

Separate the class into 'solo enjoyment' and 'collective enjoyment' of digital media devices across all media sectors (make sure all are covered). Learners are to list pros and cons for their given heading. This can lead on to a class debate for the day. **for** solo enjoyment and **against** collective enjoyment / **for** collective enjoyment. This can be done as a relaxed class discussion to aid learners to understand the differences between individual and group consumption.



EXPOSITION

Teacher to recap the differences between individual and group consumption provided in the class debate.



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 6.2**). Learners should feel confident that they can identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Information Sheet: Group Consumption**.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners are to create a mind map for both individual and group consumption, where consumption that applies to both individuals and groups can be identified (similarities). An alternative task would be to provide learners with examples of digital media and ask them to provide an argument / short essay addressing the type of consumption it is, giving reasons to justify their answer.

Learners are to create a digital media diary for a week, recording all the digital media they use. Learners are to identify whether it was individual/group consumption, whether it was primary/secondary audience and whether they were active/passive.

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Individual or Group Consumption

Devices	
Smartphone	TV
PC	Pay
Laptop	Cin
MP3 player	Dig
MP4 player	Ra
Games console	
Handheld devices	
Radio	Web
Tablet, e.g. iPad	

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 6: Types of Audiences: Part 1

1. a) Give **one** reason why audiences enjoy solo media consumption.
.....

b) Give **one** reason why audiences enjoy collective media consumption.
.....
2. Website forums are an example of when the audience can be both individual and collective at the same time. Give **two** other examples of media that can be consumed in this way.
1.
2.
3. Name the type of consumption:

a) Engages with a digital media product alone.
.....

b) Engages with a digital media product with others.
.....
4. Which **one** of the following is an example of **only** individual consumption?
a) Cinema audience
b) Web surfing
c) Online gaming
d) Radio listeners

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Individual and Group Consumption

Individual Consumption

Media platforms and devices that can be enjoyed by one person who can engage with them.

Examples:

- ⊙ Reading an e-magazine article
- ⊙ Browsing the Internet
- ⊙ Watching a DVD
- ⊙ Playing an online game that requires only one person
- ⊙ Listening to the radio
- ⊙ Social networking

Reasons For	Reasons Against
Accessibility Convenience Individuality Privacy Sense of control Active engagement Flexibility	Does not experience the same sense of community Lack of communication

Group Consumption

Media platforms and devices that can be enjoyed by a group of people who can engage with others.

Examples:

- ⊙ Cinema audience
- ⊙ Multiplayer online games
- ⊙ Watching a DVD
- ⊙ TV audience
- ⊙ Listening to the radio
- ⊙ Social networking

Reasons For	Reasons Against
Social interaction Sense of competition Sense of belonging Sharing experiences	Lack of privacy Lack of control Getting interrupted Lack of fully focus/engagement

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Lesson Plan 7 – Types of Audience: Part II

Includes:



LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ How audiences can be separated into primary audience and secondary audience and recognise the differences between them

Keywords: *primary audience, secondary audience, passive media, active media, hypodermic needle model*



STARTER

Introduce the terms 'primary' and 'secondary' audiences and explain to learners, for example to make the meaning clear to the audience. A quick starter activity about the primary audience for a range of digital media products, and the secondary audience will provide a range of examples to help learners in their understanding.



MAIN

The main activity will focus on the differences between active and passive media. Firstly, discussion about what these terms mean; work with your learners to produce a list of examples. Secondly, suggest a range of media activities to learners, such as watching a video, which of the examples are active viewing and which are passive viewing. Thirdly, separate the class into active/passive and introduce audience theory (uses/gratifications model and the hypodermic model). Learners are to correctly identify the cards that relate to their model; this will be a 'keep' and 'discard' pile. Learners are to explain what they have chosen to keep and give a presentation on their given theory (introduction/background, examples, advantages/disadvantages, etc.). This could form part of the extension activity or homework (Internet research).



EXPOSITION

Hand out **Resource 7.2** (top 'n' tail exercise). Learners are to correctly match the definition. Get learners to think about consumer-generated content (examples) from the lesson.



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 7.3**). Learners should feedback and identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Information Sheet: Audiences: Part II**.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Options:

- ➔ Presentation on active/passive theory models using PowerPoint
- ➔ Apply the models to a media product, e.g. looking at the uses/gratifications model
- ➔ Learners are to create their own consumer-generated content.

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Active consumer	Model that assumes that the consumer is not passive but is active in interpreting and integrating media into their own life	
Model that suggests that audiences use media to fulfil specific gratifications	Media messages are injected straight into a passive audience which is easily influenced by the media messages	audience
Model that focuses on what consumers do with media rather than what media does to consumers	Referred to as the Magic Bullet	
Model that came about through an increasing number of the population watching TV and listening to the radio	Model that is based on the strength of the mass media, suggesting that it has a direct, immediate and powerful effect on audiences	
Examples: the Internet and social media	Suggests the need for personal identification	
Rooted in 1930s behaviourism	Model that is used to explain why certain groups in society should not be exposed to certain media texts as they will mimic violent behaviour	The
Suggests the need for education	Model that suggests that media messages cause changes in audience behaviour	the re cre a v b kn
Suggests the need for personal relationships	Suggests the need for escapism	M
Suggests the need for social interaction	Positive model	

TERMINOLOGY
Passive media
Uses/gratifications model
Active viewing
Hypodermic needle model
Active media
Passive viewing
Secondary audience
Primary audience

Media that require no active engagement in meaning or message, e.g. in <i>Treasure Hunt: Interactive Adventure</i> (YouTube)
Describes viewers' interests outside the primary viewers that can be used for statistics if not used
An audience/communication that fully interact with its associated content or influence
Also known as the hypodermic media product
Media that require an active response from media texts, e.g. as passive media
An audience/communication that interacts physically, contributes and produces content, and has control over how
The theory that in order to fulfil purposes, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Education ⊙ Entertainment ⊙ Escapism ⊙ Personal information ⊙ Personal recreation ⊙ Social interaction ⊙ Surveillance
The theory that messages can be sent and can influence in any way

POP QUIZ

Lesson 7: Types of Audience: Part II

1. Give **one** example of active viewing.

.....

2. Give **two** disadvantages of the hypodermic needle model.

1.

2.

3. Give **two** advantages of the uses/gratifications model.

1.

2.

4. Give **two** advantages for media producers of using consumer-generated content.

1.

2.

5. Which **one** of the following is an example of a secondary audience?

- a) Adults who take their children to see a children's film at the cinema
- b) Female teenagers reading an online article on *teenvogue.com*
- c) Children watching *SpongeBob SquarePants*.
- d) Middle-aged men watching *Top Gear*.

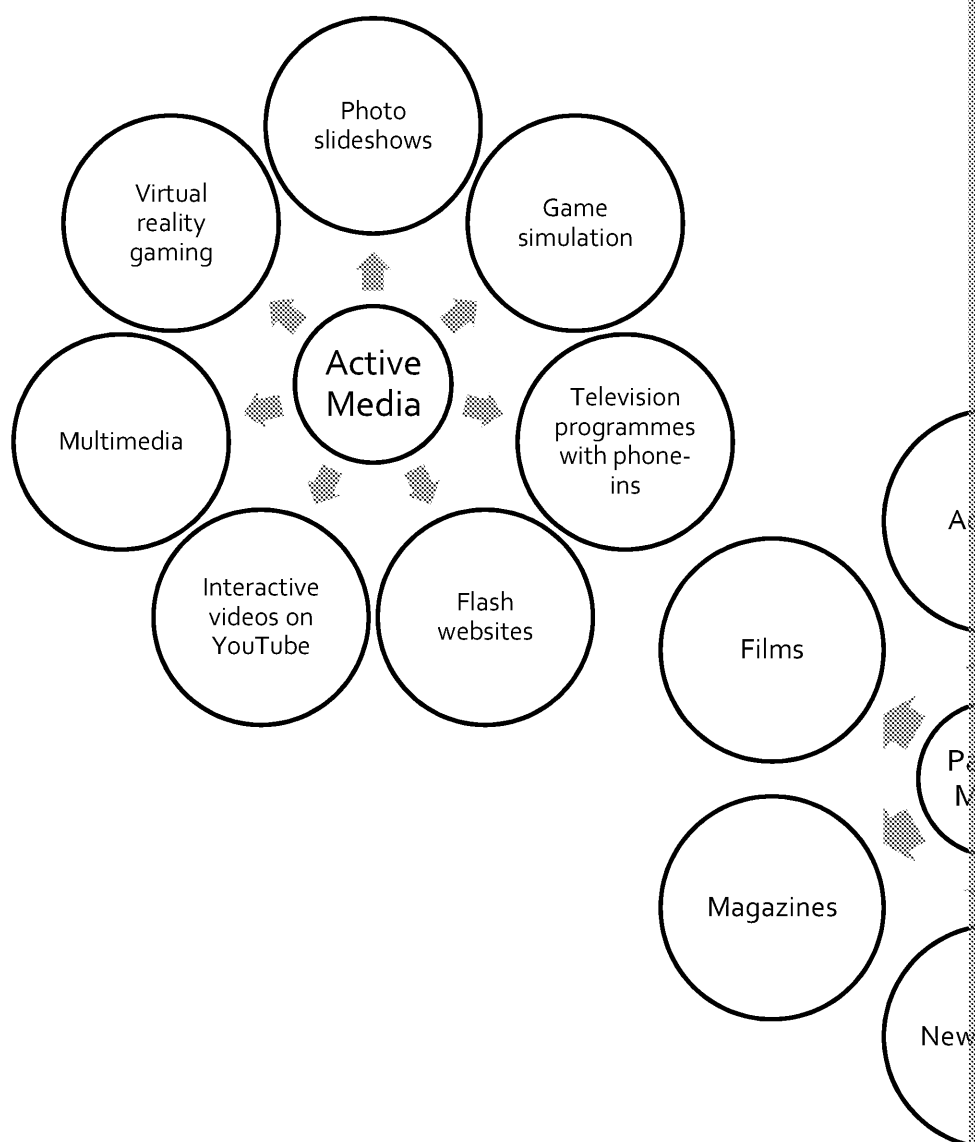
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Types of Audience: Part II

Primary Audience	Secondary Audience
Also known as the target audience; who the media product is aimed at	Describes viewers outside the primary audience; viewers that can affect the product but not directly



Uses and Gratifications Model

The theory that suggests that audiences are **active** and **use media texts** to fulfil their **basic needs** such as:

- ⊙ Entertainment
- ⊙ Escapism
- ⊙ Personal relationships
- ⊙ Personal identification
- ⊙ Education
- ⊙ Surveillance
- ⊙ Social interaction

Hypodermic Needle Model

The theory that proposes that **media messages** can be '**injected**' into the audience and influence people to **act a particular way**. This model suggests the audience is **passive**.

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Terminology	Definition
Active media	Media that requires audience interaction and to acquire the full meaning or message embedded in interactive videos such as <i>The Treasure Hunt: A Treasure Adventure!</i> (2011) (available on YouTube)
Secondary audience	Describes viewers who are considered to be on the audience and are viewers that can affect consumption accounted for
Passive viewing	An audience/consumer/viewer that does not focus on the product or its associated content, nor do they influence production in any way
Primary audience	Also known as the target audience; who the message is intended for
Passive media	Media that requires observation rather than active questioning of media texts, e.g. television can be passive media to some extent
Active viewing	An audience/consumer/viewer that fully interacts with the product, contributes to and becomes part of the product, an element of control over how they interact with the product
Uses/gratifications model	The theory that audiences use media texts in order to satisfy basic needs, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Escapism ⊙ Surveillance ⊙ Personal Identification ⊙ Personal Relationships
Hypodermic needle model	The theory that proposes that media messages are sent to a mass audience and can influence people to act a particular way

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Lesson Plan 8 – Audience and Producer Control

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LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ the importance of regulatory bodies in relation to media producers

Keywords: BBFC, ASA, PEGI, PCC, OFCOM



STARTER

Begin by asking learners what regulatory bodies there are currently in the UK. Then get into small groups. Quick starter activity: hand out all the cards in Resource 8.1. The fastest group to correctly place the cards in the correct order wins.



MAIN

The main activity will require groups to access the Internet to research the roles and responsibilities of regulatory bodies (BBFC, ASA, PEGI, PCC, OFCOM). Hand out A3 paper. Learners are to look at the relevant resources and create a mind map / fact sheet addressing the following roles and responsibilities as an audience and as a producer (where applicable).

✓ www.bbfc.co.uk

✓ www.pcc.org.uk

✓ www.asa.org.uk

✓ www.ofcom.org.uk

Each group is to create a mind map / fact sheet addressing the following roles and responsibilities as an audience and as a producer (where applicable). Nominate one learner (they will stay and become the body) while the other learners in the groups move around until they have asked each other questions. Once all learners are back in their original group, they are to tell the learner what they have learnt about the other regulatory bodies.



EXPOSITION

Lead discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of regulatory bodies (where possible).



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 8.2**). Learners should feel confident that they can identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Information Sheet 8.1**.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners are to answer the following question: Explore how one regulatory body is advantageous to the media industry as a whole. You may wish to refer to the case study sheet. *Learners should aim to write between 300 and 500 words.*

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Regulatory Bodies

BBFC	Film c
ASA	Ad
OFCOM	Comn
PEGI	Video gan
PCC	

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 8: Audience and Producer Control

1. Name the regulatory body responsible for awarding U, PG, 12, 15 and

.....

2. What is the role of Ofcom?

.....

3. Which one of the regulatory bodies would you contact if you had a complaint you saw on television?

- a) Ofcom
- b) PEGI
- c) BBFC
- d) ASA
- e) PCC

4. Give **one** advantage of regulatory bodies in the media.

.....

5. What is the main responsibility of the PCC?

.....

.....

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Regulatory Bodies

Regulatory body	Logo	
ASA		The UK advertising standards authority
BBFC		Funded by the government, BBFC is responsible for censoring films, TV, video, DVD, Blu-ray, video games, and computer games.
Ofcom		Knows how to regulate radio, television, mobile phones, broadband, and airwaves. Open to public consultation.
PCC		A voluntary administrative body for the print media. Complaints can be made to the PCC, but the PCC cannot force a magazine to change or not publish.
PEGI		A rating system for video games based on age.

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Lesson Plan 9 – Understanding Audiences through Research

Includes:



LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ how audiences are researched and what this information is used for

Keywords: *primary research, secondary research, qualitative research, audience research methods*



STARTER

The starter activities will be useful in helping learners to understand the audience research. Start the lesson with **Resource 9.1**; learners are to copy its definition. For the next activity, learners are to stand in the middle of primary research methods and the other end will be secondary research; write them on A3 pieces of paper and stick them to the wall to remind learners. **Resource 9.2** for this activity. Call out the examples of methods; learners are to decide secondary by moving to a side of the classroom. This could be done as a game where learners who answered incorrectly sit back down and last learner standing wins. Introduce learners (objective, subjective, valid and reliable), explaining what they mean. Give learners things that are objective, subjective, valid and reliable. Use **Resource 9.3**; read the statements to the class, learners are to decide whether each of the statements is objective or reliable. The final starter activity will get learners to start thinking about the disadvantages of research and methods. Working in small groups, hand out **Resource 9.4**, learners are to identify which cards are advantages/disadvantages of research in general. This can lead to a class discussion, if time allows.



This can also be done as a whole-class activity where the teacher chooses a learner is chosen to stick the card in either the advantages or disadvantages column, if it has been drawn on the board.



MAIN

Learners are to carry out a research assignment. This will be a class activity, either individually or in small groups. Ensure that each assignment requires learners to use primary, secondary, qualitative and quantitative research. This can be completed by asking learners what they intend to do, giving reasons why. This could lead on to an extension activity where learners carry out their research and must comment on their findings and conclusions, discussing the weaknesses and strengths, etc.



EXPOSITION

Recap the concepts learnt in the lesson.



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 9.5**). Learners should feedback on what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Information Sheet 9.1: Understanding Audiences through Research**.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners are to carry out their own research assignment of their choice and done individually or as a group. Example of a research assignment: finding out what is beneficial to the publishing industry, or finding out whether the school should have a library.

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Audience Research

Audience statistics

Describes research
thoughts and opinions
figures

Quantitative research

Research that has a
someone else and can be
journals and Internet

Primary research

The collection of new
circulation, hits, box
sales that can be used

Qualitative research

Methods such as questionnaires,
interviews (face to face or
Internet), focus group
analysis

Secondary research

Describes research
that can be used to
statistical data

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Primary Research Methods	Secondary
Questionnaires	Inter
Telephone interviews	Arch
Online interviews	Lib
Focus groups	
Surveys	
Vox pops	
Product analysis	
Face-to-face interviews	

<i>Statement 1</i>	Did you like how good it was to navigate the website with ease?
<i>Statement 2</i>	A question posed to a focus group: What did you think of the media product in question?
<i>Statement 3</i>	Research that includes asking a large number of people, rather than a select few
<i>Statement 4</i>	A focus group discussing a new media product
<i>Statement 5</i>	A question in a questionnaire that reads: Did you like the interesting use of editing techniques in the film trailer?

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Advantage or Disadvantage?

Advantages

Can be used to develop an audience profile	Finding out the likes and dislikes of the audience	Ability to probe answers more deeply especially in focus groups face-to-face interviews
Research conducted through questionnaires and surveys are cost effective	Working with up-to-date data and information	Reach groups of people / individuals who would otherwise be quite difficult to reach through other means of research

Disadvantages

Biased questions and answers	Designing questions that will give only certain responses	Responses open to interpretation
Lack of detailed response	Risk of unclear conclusions derived from research conducted	Can be quite time-consuming

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 9: Understanding Audiences through

1. Explain **two** advantages of primary research.
.....
2. What is the difference between qualitative and quantitative research?
.....
3. Give **one** example of a secondary research method.
.....
4. Which **one** of the following questions can be considered to be subjective?
 - a) Do you listen to podcasts?
 - b) Do you own a digital device?
 - c) Do you think that e-newspapers are a good idea?
 - d) Do you watch films?
 - e) Do you pay to play online games?
 - f) All of the above
5. a) Focus groups are considered to be what kind of research method?
.....

b) Give **one** advantage of focus groups.
.....

c) Give **one** disadvantage of focus groups.
.....

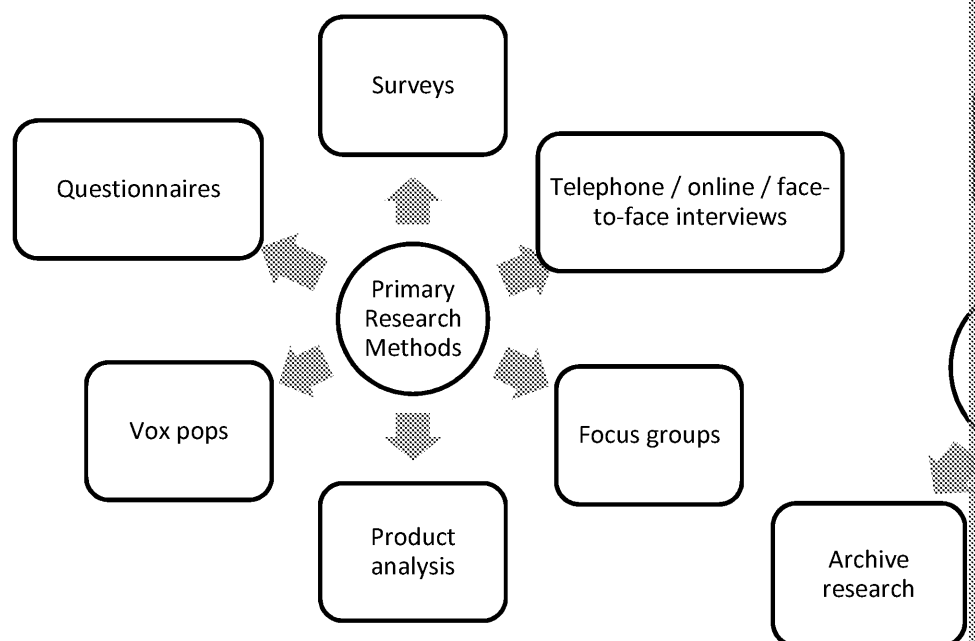
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Understanding Audiences through Research

Primary Research	Secondary Research
Information obtained first hand from the audience	Research that has been collected by someone other than the researcher
Qualitative Research	Quantitative Research
Describes research based on attitudes, thoughts and opinions rather than facts and figures	Describes research that can be used to form conclusions



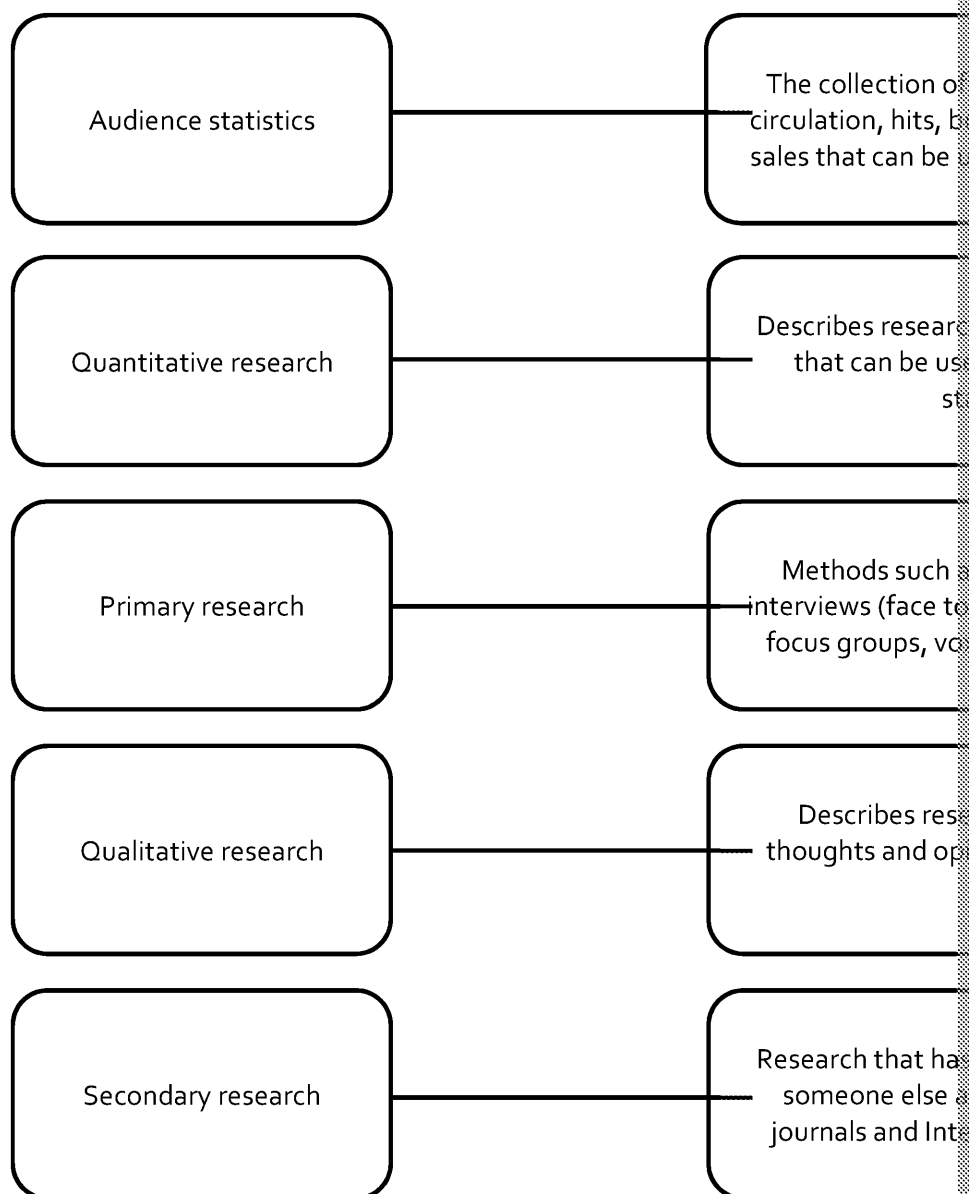
Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to probe answers more deeply especially in focus groups or face-to-face interviews Can be used to develop an audience profile Finding out the likes and dislikes of the audience Large amounts of information can be collected from a large number of people in a short period of time Reach groups of people / individuals who would otherwise be quite difficult to reach through other means of research Research conducted through questionnaires and surveys are cost effective Tailored to the needs of the researcher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biased questions Can be quite time consuming Designing questions to get the responses Lack of detailed responses One person may dominate the session People taking part may not offer their true opinion or general consensus Responses open to interpretation Risk of unclear conclusions from research conducted

Key Research Terms		
Objective	Subjective	Reliable

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Answers to Match Up Task



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Lesson Plan 10 – Audience Profiling

Includes:



LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ how audience profiling is measured and what profiling can suggest

Keywords: audience profiling, demographics

STARTER

Begin the lesson by asking learners what the term 'audience profiling' means to think about the profiles of, e.g. consumers, readers, gamers, surfers, etc. Ask learners to think about the purpose of profiling, listing the suggestions or suggestions). Draw a line on the board with 'most important' written at one end and 'least important' at the other. Learners to decide which suggestions can be considered the most important reasons for audience profiling. This can also be done as a class activity and develop into a class discussion. To link this lesson to the last lesson, draw on research data can develop the audience profile of a particular media product. Use the data in finding out about a particular audience (compare an example of a product without any informed research data with an audience profile that includes research data).

MAIN

Introduce the term 'demographics' to learners, defining what it means as characteristics such as gender, age, race, etc. Using **Resource 10.1**, learners are to create a demographic profile. Write down the advantages and disadvantages of demographics that they can think of. Otherwise, use a different scenario that emphasises both the advantages and disadvantages of demographics. Using **Resource 10.2**, set a time limit of two minutes and ask learners to list as many people in the class as they can. This can be used as a basis for discussing the importance of demographics. Arrange learners into small groups; each of the groups is to choose a digital media product and determine the product's audience. Show examples of audience profiles to learners and ask them to create their own. Using **Resource 10.3**, learners are to create audience profiles for the scenarios provided. This task aims to aid learners in understanding data and how it can be used to create an audience profile. This can be used as an introduction to interpreting data. Please note that the information provided is fictional and is for illustrative purposes only.

EXPOSITION

Recap the concepts learnt in the lesson and highlight the importance of demographics and its advantages.

PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 10.4**). Learners should feedback on what you can identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Informative Audience Profiling**.

EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners are to create their own audience profile for a digital media product. They need to consider: demographics (gender, age, ABC, religion, occupation, education and nationality) likes, dislikes, lifestyle brands, media tastes, media consumption habits.

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Demographics

Age	
Gender	
Religion	
Nationality	
Occupation	
Social grade	
Interests	
Media consumption habits	
Likes	
Dislikes	

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Patterns of Consumer Behaviour

Find someone who...	
Enjoys watching adverts	
Likes music videos	
Reads an e-magazine	
Listens to podcasts regularly	
Plays video games	
Watches documentaries	
Likes the comedy genre	
Owens a tablet	
Listens to CDs	
Goes to the cinema regularly	
Watches the news	
Reads news online	

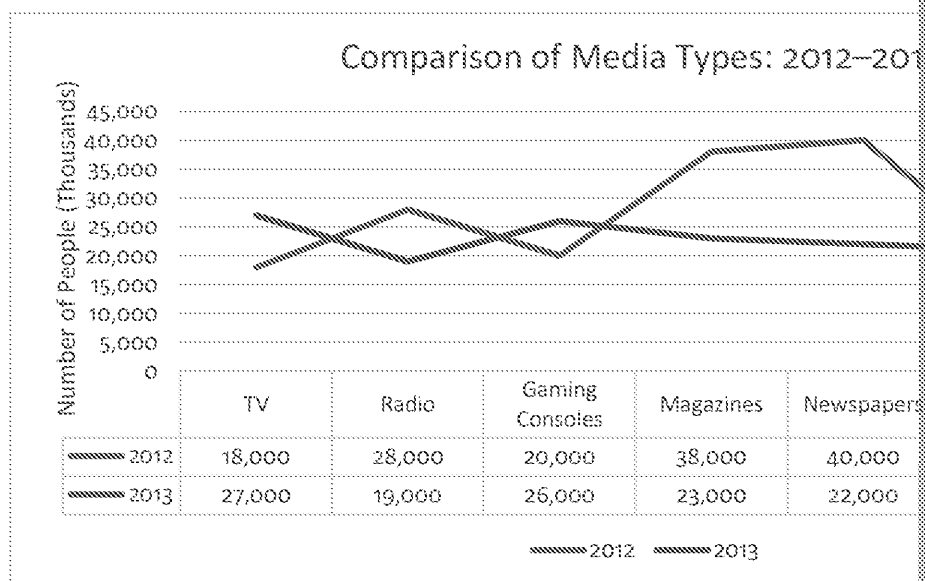
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Interpreting Audience and Product Data

An extensive survey was conducted to find out whether there has been a change in the types of media that audiences consume in the UK. The findings are shown below:



A TV executive wanted to find out the latest viewing figures for the channels to better understand the demographics of TV consumers. The findings are shown below:

Channel	Average Daily Reach		Weekly Reach*		Average Weekly Viewing Hrs per person
	'000s	%	'000s	%	
BBC 1	28,429	49.1	47,264	81.7	0.8
BBC 2	13,781	23.8	33,130	57.3	0.7
ITV	21,138	36.5	40,310	69.7	0.7
ITV +1	2,460	4.3	11,120	19.2	0.2
ITV HD	2,855	4.9	7,315	12.6	0.2
Channel 4	11,715	20.2	34,236	59.2	0.7
Channel 4 +1	2,565	4.4	11,731	20.3	0.2
Channel 5	8,897	15.4	28,203	48.7	0.6
Channel 5 +1	1,025	1.8	5,278	9.1	0.1
Sky 1	2,448	4.2	9,630	16.6	0.3
Sky 1 +1	116	0.2	741	1.3	0.0

*Weekly Reach = The percentage of people who have viewed the channel for at least three consecutive minutes

**Share of Total Viewing (%) = The percentage of total weekly viewing

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Review

The TV programme *Hollyoaks* was reviewed by the following age groups, as shown below:

16–24:

I think that Hollyoaks is great; the content of the show reflects issues that relate to the storylines most of the time.

65+:

'What is this rubbish? I cannot relate to any of the storylines, it's not dramatic for my taste.'

34–43:

Hollyoaks isn't my cup of tea; it does remind me of shows I watched when I was younger but it doesn't interest me now.

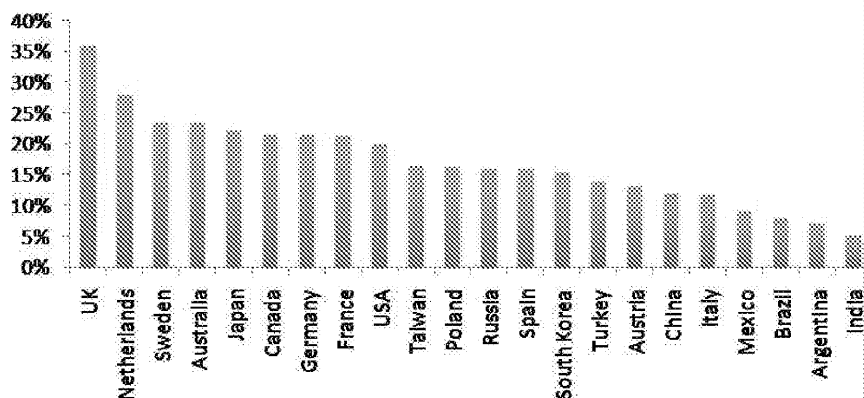
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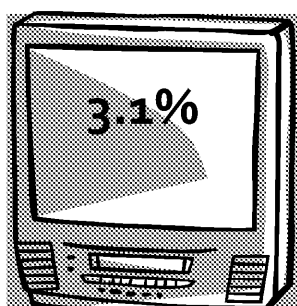
Google recently conducted some secondary research to assess the state of spend worldwide and to determine which markets should be targeted for campaign. The findings are shown below:

Digital : Total Media Spend (2011)



An advertising agency is promoting a new product to 40–50 year olds. The advertising spending to help them identify the best means of communicating with this demographic group. The findings are shown below:

Television



Radio



6.6%

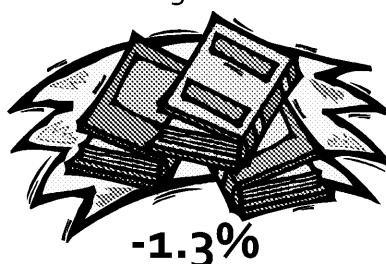
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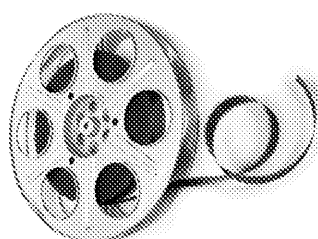
Newspapers



Magazines



Cinema

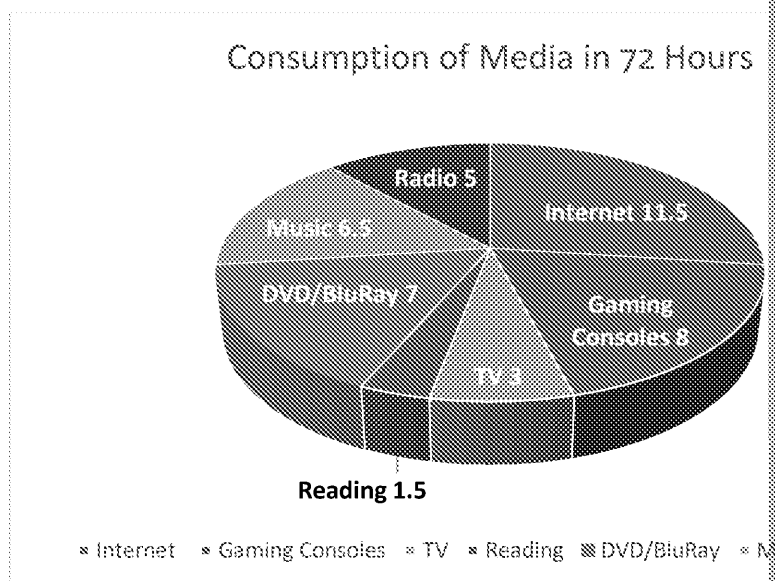


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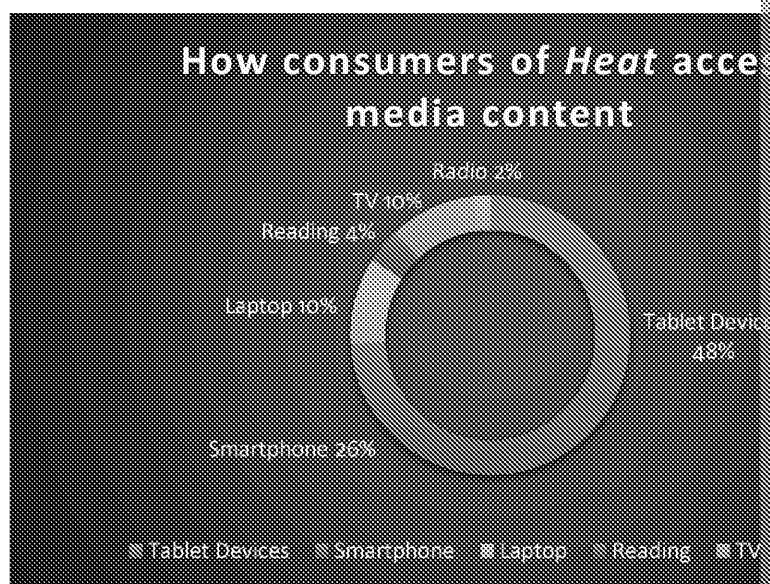
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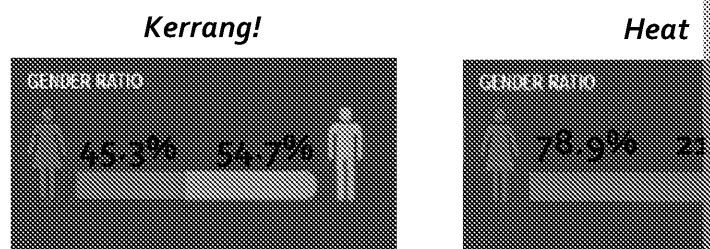
A Media class was asked to log all of their media intake over a period of 72 hours below:



Bauer Media conducted a survey to find out how consumers of *Heat* access media content distributed by Bauer Media. The findings are shown below:



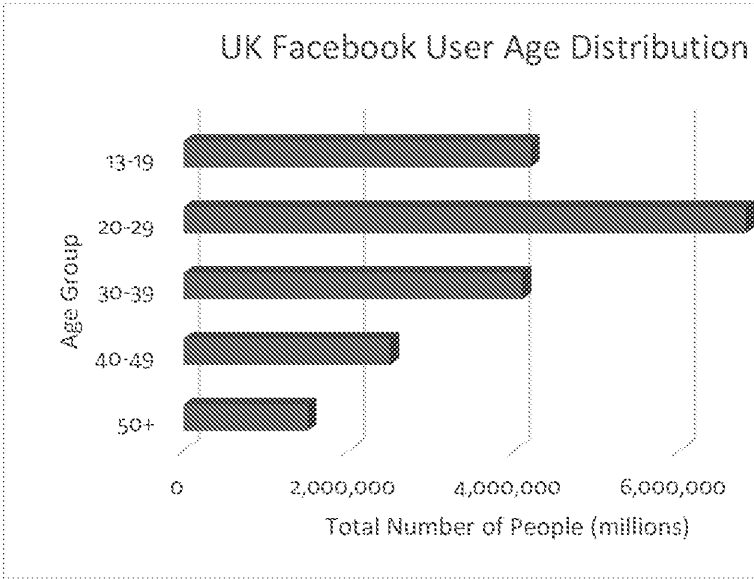
A student conducted a survey to find out the gender profile for Kerrang! and Heat shown below:



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Facebook conducted a study to determine Facebook users in the UK by age group below:



The Press Complaints Commission (PCC) recently released the demographic breakdown of newspaper readership. The findings are shown below:

Social Class	Readership ('000s)	Social Class
AB Adults	692	C2 Men
ABC1 Adults	894	DE Men
ABC1C2 Adults	957	AB Women
C1 Adults	202	ABC1 Women
C2 Adults	63	ABC1C2 Women
DE Adults	68	C1 Women
AB Men	384	C2 Women
ABC1 Men	503	DE Women
ABC1C2 Men	543	C2 Women
C1 Men	119	DE Women

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 10: Audience Profiling

1. Explain **one** way in which demographics are used by media producers.
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2. Which of the following is an example of audience statistical data?
 - a) Circulation
 - b) Box office figures
 - c) Website hits
 - d) Sales figures
 - e) Ratings
 - f) All of the above
3.
 - a) What is an audience profile?
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 - b) Give **one** purpose of audience profiling.
.....
4. Give **one** example of the impact of technology changing patterns of c
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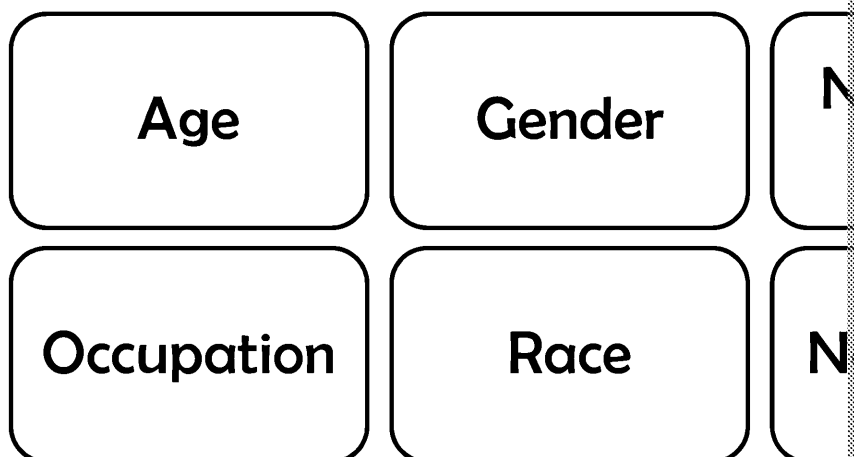
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Audience Profiling

Audience Profile

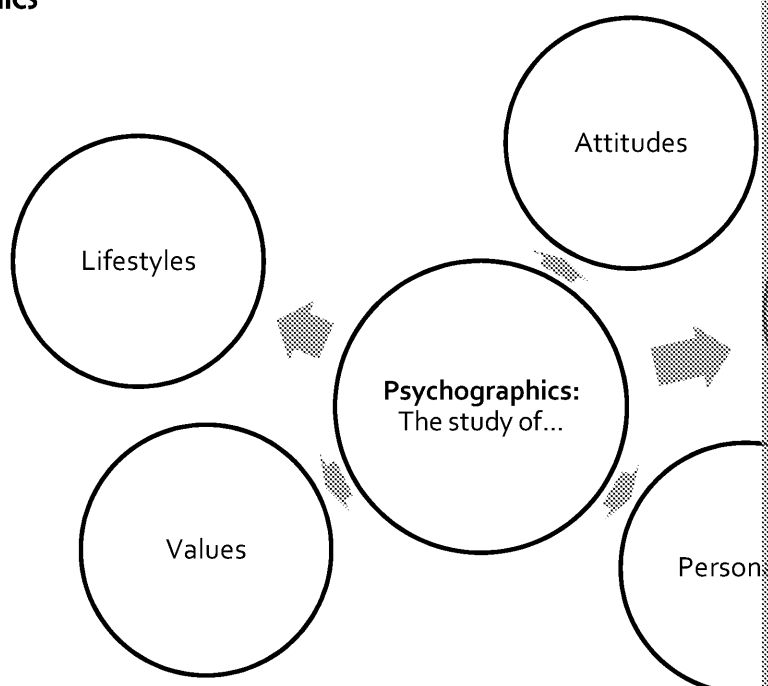
A detailed breakdown (profile) that defines the type of audience that would use a media text. Producers will use audience profiling when creating a new media programme, to suggest who the primary audience would be. Audience profiling for advertising sponsorship and deals with companies that share a similar audience profile usually consists of presenting **demographics** such as:



Alongside:



Psychographics



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Lesson Plan 11 – Codes as Signs

Includes:



LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ how audiences read meaning in media

Keywords: *denotation, connotation, preferred reading, negotiated reading, aberrant reading, ideology*



STARTER

Start the lesson by using **Resource 11.1**. Learners are to identify each sign and what it mean? Do any of the signs have multiple meanings? If so, what are they? Use 'connotation' and 'denotation' to learners and explain what they mean.



MAIN

The main activity will focus on the following: preferred reading, oppositional and aberrant reading, explaining to learners that the audience interpret out **Resource 11.2** (Match-up exercise). This is to be done as either an individual activity. This will help learners with their definitions and understanding of each activity, choose a range of images that will help to develop learners' understanding and arrange learners into small groups. The aim is for learners to identify preferred reading, oppositional reading, aberrant reading and negotiated reading for each image and use 'denote' and 'connote' in their answers. Each group is to feed back to the class. Learners will start to draw on stylistic codes (consciously or unconsciously) in more detail in the next two lessons. You may also wish to include examples of



EXPOSITION

Explain to learners the importance of interpretation in the media that goes beyond assumptions, symbolism, to construct meaning and how this links with images that denote the same thing but each has a different connotation, e.g. boy



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 11.3**). Learners should feed back so you can identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Informal Signs**.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners are to choose a media product, i.e. e-magazine, website, TV clip, jingle etc. This can be done as an individual task or can be assigned to learners in groups. Allocate media products so that a range of media products is covered. Learners to present to the class.

Note: the analysis of media products will be developed over the next two lessons looking at stylistic codes.



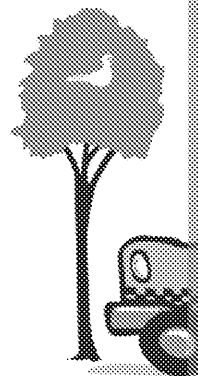
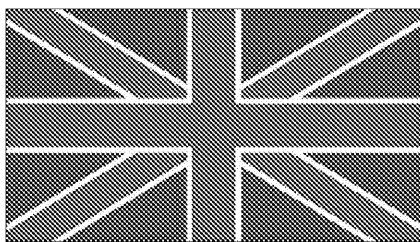
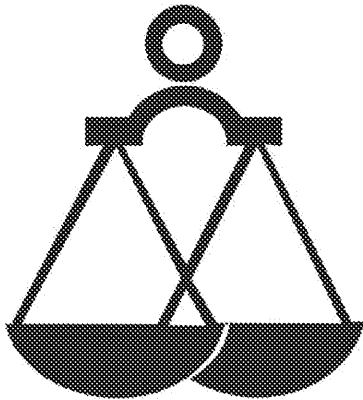
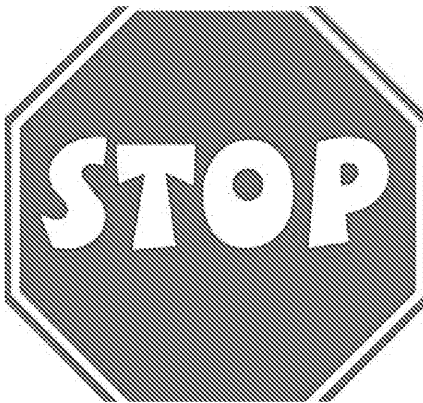
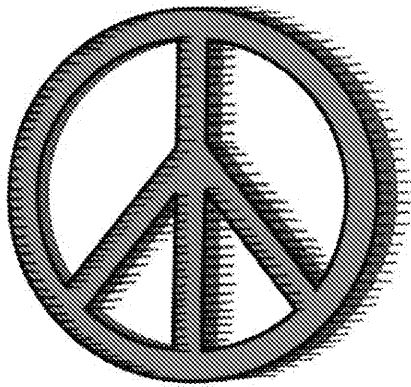
You may wish learners to present in Lesson 15 as this will be the final Communication of Meaning, therefore they can bring everything together over the four lessons.

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Signs



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Interpreting Meaning

Preferred reading

Describes
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POP QUIZ

Lesson 11: Codes as Signs

1. Which **one** of the following is the correct definition of 'connotation'?
 - a) The literal meaning of a word or phrase
 - b) Ideas that are associated with a particular group of people
 - c) The arrangement of objects within the frame
 - d) What a phrase or word suggests or implies

2. Give **one** advantage of an oppositional reading.

.....

3. Name **one** difference between a preferred reading and an aberrant reading.

.....

4. Look at the image below. Give a denotation and a connotation of the image.

Denotation:

.....

Connotation:

.....

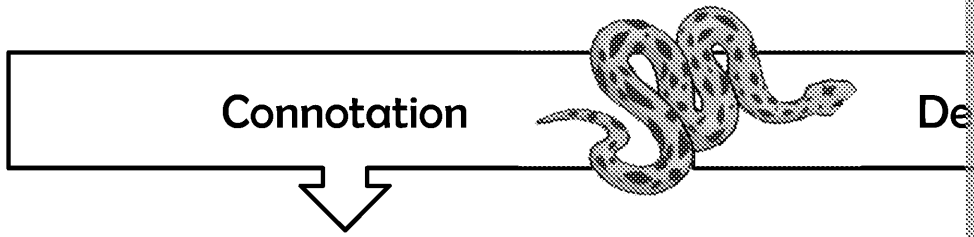
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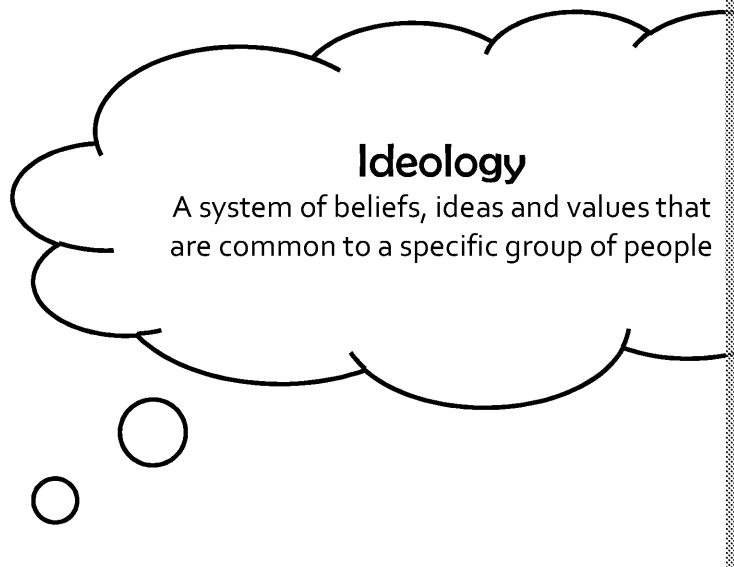
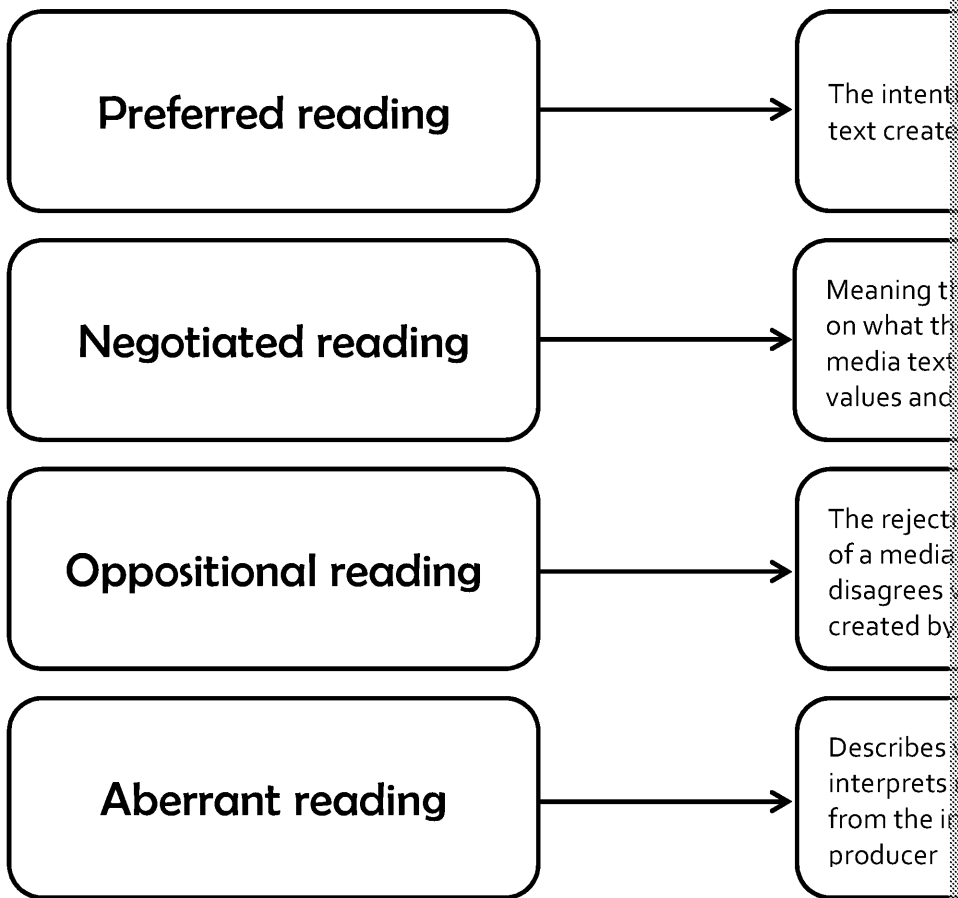
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Codes as Signs



<p>What a phrase or word suggests or implies</p> <p>E.g. The word 'snake' has negative connotations of evil and slyness</p>	<p>The literal meaning</p> <p>E.g. A snake is a reptile</p>
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Lesson Plan 12 – Stylistic Codes as Signs: Part 1

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LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ how stylistic codes are used in media products

Keywords: *stylistic codes (framing and angle, movement, colour and composition)*



STARTER

Explain to learners that every media product has messages or signifiers communicated through stylistic codes communicating ideas (visual and aural communication). Show the list of elements in **Resource 12.1** and think about what they might signify for the listener/reader/viewer. This can be done with learners in pairs or small groups as a class activity.



MAIN

The main activity in this lesson will focus on the stylistic codes – colour, framing and angle, movement and composition or navigation. For the classroom activity you will need to create four headings – 'colour', 'framing and angle', 'movement' and 'composition or navigation' in different parts of the classroom. Mix the cards (**Resource 12.2**) on the desk; ask learners to pick one up and go to the heading they think the card belongs to. They then read what is on their card and the class must decide if the learner is by the heading. This continues until all the cards have been taken. Split the class into four groups (using the headings). The tasks for each heading are shown below; the groups must ensure they all cover all four headings.

- ➔ **Framing and angle** – Mix up the cards from **Resource 12.3**. Learners are to correct terms and definitions. Using A4 pieces of paper with the middle cut out, learners demonstrate different framing and angle techniques using a makeshift camera. If time allows, you can use a real camera and the class can watch back what each of the groups has filmed. This can be made into an extra activity, where the class shouts out the correct framing and angle.
- ➔ **Movement** – Mix up the cards from **Resource 12.4**. Learners are to correct terms and definitions. Using A4 pieces of paper with the middle cut out, learners demonstrate movement techniques using a makeshift camera. If time allows, you can use a real camera and the class can watch back what each of the groups has filmed. This can be made into an extra activity, where the class shouts out the correct movement.
- ➔ **Colour** – Mix up the cards from **Resource 12.5**. Learners are to correct terms and definitions. Place the colour circles on the table (from **Resource 12.5**) and write down three connotations of each colour below each one. Each group is to write down three connotations of each colour. They must give three different connotations, i.e. no groups can have the same connotation.
- ➔ **Composition or navigation** – Mix up the cards from **Resource 12.7**. Learners are to correct terms and definitions. Learners will need to look at an example of a website and apply the terms learnt and apply them to the website.

Facilitate the activities by overseeing tables, making sure that learners are using the correct terms and definitions, examples, etc. and providing guidance where needed.



EXPOSITION

Recap what has been covered in the lesson, reiterating the importance of stylistic codes as signs.

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**PLENARY**

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 12.8**). Learners should be able to identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out the Pop Quiz (**Resource 12.8**).
Codes as Signs: Part I.

EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners are to revisit the media product they are working on from the lesson. Learners are to analyse their media products in terms of stylistic codes denote/connote, focusing on colour, framing and angle, movement, etc. Ensure learners cover each area in their analysis. This may lead into a discussion on preferred reading, oppositional reading, etc. This task can be completed as a class or individual. Learners are to present their ideas to the rest of the class.



You may choose for learners to give an overall presentation on the media product studied in Topic C.1 in Lesson 15 (PowerPoint presentation).

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Signifiers

Every media text has messages or signifiers which communicate meaning. Look at the list of elements below and think about what they might suggest.

Signifier	Suggestions
Sunshine	
Signifier	Suggestions
An old lady	
Signifier	Suggestions
A dark room	
Signifier	Suggestions
A young couple holding hands	
Signifier	Suggestions
Broken glass	

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Contrast	Brightness	E
Filters	Saturation	
Shades	Tones	
Overhead	Medium long shot	
Over shoulder	Point of view	
Low	High	
Slow motion	Tracking	
Speed	Zoom in	
Handheld	Crane	
Rule of thirds	Asymmetrical composition	
Balance	Juxtaposition	t
Fonts		

Long shot (LS)	A shot that shows a full body of the subject and the background.
Close-up (CU)	Where part of the subject is shown, showing very little background.
Medium long shot (MLS)	A shot where the subject is shown from the waist up.
Extreme close-up (ECU)	A shot used to show extreme detail of the subject.
Medium close-up (MCU)	A shot halfway between a close-up and a medium shot.
Medium shot (MS)	A shot from a medium distance.
Overhead	A shot from directly above the subject.
Over shoulder (OSS)	A shot that is framed from over the shoulder of one subject, looking at another subject. This is a typical shot used in conversation between two people.
Point of view (POV)	A shot used to show what a character is seeing or how they see the world.
Straight on	A shot that is looking straight at the subject (centered).
High angle	A shot used to look down at the subject.
Low angle	A shot used to look up at the subject.

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Panning	A camera movement that goes
Tilting	A vertical camera movement that pos camera is station
Tracking	When a camera is mounted on a c tracks, creating a very smooth mov dolly shot.
Slow motion	Showing a moving image more slo
Speed	Suggests how fast or slow th
Zoom in	A change in the camera lens' focal len that the camera is moving closer
Zoom out	A change in the camera lens' focal len that the camera is moving further
Handheld	Gives the shot a jerky effect that cre
Crane	Refers to a dolly shot taken in the a equipment that the camera

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Contrast	The separation between the darkest and the lightest parts of the image to create shadows
Brightness	Making an image lighter or darker
Black and white	Shades of grey with no colour
Filters	Used to produce certain colours
Saturation	The intensity of a specific colour, e.g. bright red or blue
De-saturation	Removing/limiting the intensity of a colour, making it appear duller
Shades	The different grades of colour, e.g. dark green, sea green
Tones	Refers to the lightness or darkness of a colour, e.g. soft or hard

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Blue

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Green

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Layout	The arrangement
Focus	Attention given to a particular part of the image, which is slightly blurred
Rule of thirds	A guideline that is used in the composition of images. The guideline splits the image into nine parts, where important elements are placed along these imaginary lines in order to create more tension and interest by having the subject positioned
Asymmetrical composition	An unbalanced spatial arrangement of elements within the frame
Balance	The spatial arrangement of elements in a composition that creates a sense of equilibrium
Juxtaposition	The placing of two opposite elements side by side or one after the other to emphasise a contrast
Integration of text with image	Action
Fonts	A style of lettering

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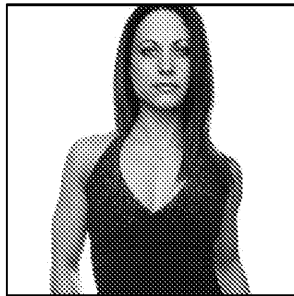
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Lesson 12: Stylistic Codes as Signs: Part I

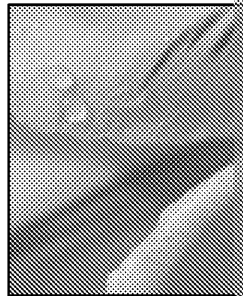
1. Which **one** of the following is an example of a close-up shot?



a) ☐



b) ☐



c) ☐

2. Which **one** of the following is the correct definition for the rule of thirds?

A guideline that is used in the composition of visual images. The guideline splits the image into six equal parts, where important elements should be positioned along these imaginary lines or at their intersections in order to create more tension and interest rather than having the subject positioned in the centre.

a) ☐

b) ☐

c) ☐

A rule that filmmakers use to direct audience viewing of the mise-en-scène.

3. Give **one** purpose of composition or navigation.

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...quiz continued.

4. Use the following scenario:

You have been asked to work on a storyboard for a scene of a well known film. The scene is climatic and contains a serious accident that involves one of the main characters.

- a) Which colour stylistic code will you use and why?

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- b) Which framing and angle will you use and why?

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- c) Which camera movement will you use and why?

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- d) Which composition will you use and why?

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Stylistic Codes as Signs: Part I

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Framing and angle



Close-up (CU)

Extreme close-up (ECU)

High angle

Long shot (LS)

Low angle

Medium close-up (MCU)

Medium long shot (MLS)

Medium shot (MS)

Over shoulder (OSS)

Overhead

Point of view (POV)

Straight

Movement



Crane

Handheld

Panning

Slow motion

Speed

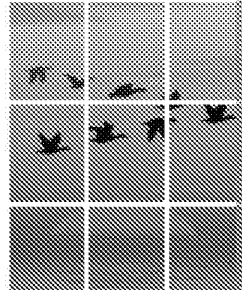
Tilting

Tracking

Zoom in

Zoom out

Composition or navigation



Asymmetrical composition

Balance

Focus

Font

Integration of text with image

Juxtaposition

Layout

Rule of thirds

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Lesson Plan 13 – Stylistic Codes as Signs: Part II

Include



LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ how stylistic codes are used in media products

Keywords: *stylistic codes (mise-en-scène, lighting, editing and sound)*



STARTER

This lesson will focus on the stylistic codes – mise-en-scène, lighting, editing. In this classroom activity you will need **Resource 13.1**. Introduce the four headings 'mise-en-scène', 'lighting', 'editing' and 'sound' – and place the headings in different parts of the classroom (Resource 13.1) and place them face down on the desk and ask learners to choose the heading they think the word relates to. The learner reads what is on the card and if the learner is by the correct heading. Repeat this until all the cards have been used.



MAIN

Split the class into four groups (using four tables as stations for each of the headings shown below; the groups are to swap until everyone has covered all four headings).

- ➔ **Mise-en-scène** – Mix up the cards from **Resource 13.2**. Learners are to match the cards with their definitions. Learners will need a piece of A3 paper for the notes. In **Resource 13.3**, learners are to note down what the mise-en-scène of the clip is, based on what they have previously learnt. Note that no group can give the same answer; encourage different suggestions. This can then be discussed as a class.
- ➔ **Lighting** – Mix up the cards from **Resource 13.4**. Learners are to compare their definitions and examples. If you have access to equipment, it would be good to practise with lighting equipment led by the teacher (this can be done in a way that correctly identifies the type of lighting being demonstrated).
- ➔ **Editing** – Mix up the cards from **Resource 13.5**. Learners are to compare their definitions. Learners will need access to a computer (with sound) to watch the following clip of Hitchcock talking about the Kuleshov effect: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNVf1N34-io>¹ You will need to click on the link <http://www.youtube.com/user/movieclipsTRAILERS>. Learners are to identify the editing techniques used (turning the sound off will help with this). This can then be discussed as a class.
- ➔ **Sound** – Mix up the cards from **Resource 13.6**. Learners are to compare their definitions. Learners are to listen to the sound clips provided on the cards and correctly identify what type of sound each clip is.

Facilitate the activities by overseeing tables, making sure that learners are using the definitions, examples, etc. and providing guidance where needed. Once the activities are completed, learners are to discuss their suggestions, particularly for the editing techniques of a moving image (film trailer) and the sound examples.



EXPOSITION

Recap what has been covered in the lesson, reiterating the importance of stylistic codes.



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 13.7**). Learners should feel confident that you can identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Informative Codes as Signs: Part II**.

¹ Learners will not be tested on this term, however the idea of this exercise is to help learners understand editing and this is a perfect and simple example of how this is done.

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**EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK**

Learners are to revisit the media product they worked on from the last task). Learners are to analyse their media products, adding to their knowledge of what do the stylistic codes denote/connote (mise-en-scène, lighting, sound, etc.) cover each area in their analysis. Learners with media products that do not cover such as editing/sound, will need to be moved to a group that does. They are to use a slide per heading. Learners are to present their ideas to the rest of the class.



You may choose for learners to give a presentation that includes a PowerPoint presentation).

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Costume	Hair	
Setting	Figure expression	
Under	Overhead	
Low key	High key	
Shadows	Silhouette	
Pace	Rhythm	
Cuts	Fades	e
Incidental music	Bridges	
Jingles	Voice-overs	
Dialogue	Levels	
Body language		

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Costume	The distinctive style of dress of a particular period or from a certain era or society
Hair	A distinctive hair style of a particular period or a certain era or society
Make-up	Materials applied to the face up to create a certain appearance or to imitate a particular look
Props	Objects used in the scene that contribute to the realism of the scene
Setting	Describes where the event takes place
Figure expression	Emotions conveyed by a person's facial expression
Body language	Communicating emotion through gestures and posture

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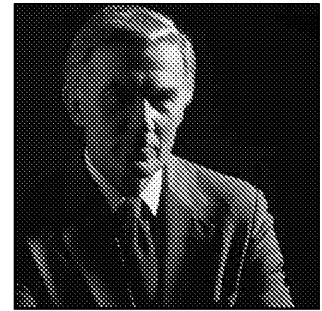


Under lighting	Lighting the subject from below, where the light is forced to go upwards.
Overhead lighting	Lighting the subject from above, where the light is forced to go downwards.
Side lighting	Light that falls onto the subject from the side.
Fill	Soft lighting that softens shadows within a scene.
High-key lighting	Lighting that creates low contrast between light and dark areas. Lighting that is used to suggest an upbeat mood.

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Illuminates parts of the subject to create a contrast between light and dark areas.
Lighting that is used to suggest a sense of alienation.



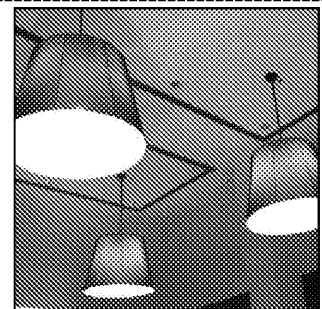
A dark area produced by a physical object between the light source and a surface.



An object that can be seen as a dark shape against a lighter background.



Lighting used for everyday purposes, e.g. to read or see what is in a room.



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Pace	Moving at a particular speed
Rhythm	Assembling a sequence of shots of the length of time a shot remains on screen, the length of time a sound carries on, the length of time a sound carries on
Continuity	The predominant style of editing that emphasises a smooth transition and progression through a sequence of shots
Cuts	A common transition used in editing, alternating between different shots. Common are straight cuts, cross cuts, and jump cuts
Fades	A technique used to either signal the end of something, e.g. a scene, or the beginning of something, e.g. a scene
Transitions	A gradual fade from one shot to another, dissolve, cross dissolve, wipe, etc.

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Incidental music	Describes music in a television programme or video game that is not the main focus but background music that is used to enhance the mood.
Bridges	Where sound continues from one scene to the next, creating a sense of continuity.
Aural motifs	Sound that is suggestive of a particular character or object.
Jingle	A catchy, musical song or tune used in advertisements. Also known as a commercial jingle.
Voice-over	Off-camera commentary that is heard by the audience in television and film.
Sound effects	Artificial sound that is not diegetic, such as explosions, gunshots, or footsteps.
Dialogue	Conversation between two or more characters.
Levels	How quiet or loud the sound is.
Perspective	The position of sound in terms of distance and time.
Diegetic	Describes actual sound in the scene that is visible, e.g. character voices.
Non-diegetic	Sound that is added in the post-production stage, such as mood music.

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 13: Stylistic Codes as Signs: Part II

1. Which **one** of the following is the correct definition for the Kuleshov Effect?

An editing effect that is used across all media sectors and enables the audience to make up their own narrative

a) ☐

A film (montage) editing effect that enables viewers to bring their own emotional reactions to a sequence of images to create meaning

b) ☐

c) ☐

2. Which **one** of the following would be considered to be an editing technique?

- a) Straight cut
- b) Rule of thirds
- c) Shadows
- d) Dialogue

3. Give **one** example of sound used in an advert.

.....

4. Which **one** of the following would be considered to be part of the mise en scene?

- a) Dialogue
- b) Balance
- c) Setting
- d) Transitions

5. Give **one** example of lighting that could be used to signify isolation.

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Stylistic Codes as Signs: Part II

Mise-en-Scène



Costume

Hair

Make-up

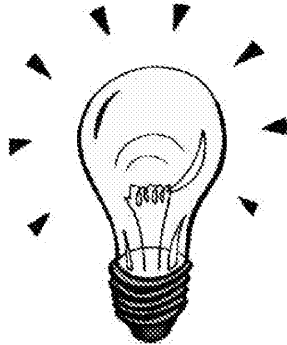
Props

Setting

Figure
expression

Body language

Lighting



Fill

Functional

High key

Low key

Overhead

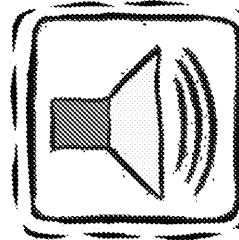
Shadows

Side

Silhouette

Under

Sound



Aural motifs

Bridges

Dialogue

Diegetic

Incidental music

Jingle

Levels

Non-diegetic

Perspective

Sound effects

Voice-over

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Lesson Plan 14 – Creating Meaning: Part I

Include



LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ how stylistic codes can be used to create meaning in media products

Keywords: *stylistic codes*



STARTER

Begin by asking learners the question: how can stylistic codes be used? Write the question on the board. Pick out suggestions to discuss.



MAIN

Split the class into five groups, allocating each group a media sector. Each group will need to allocate a specific media product to each group, e.g. Creme de la Creme.

- Moving image – film trailer, TV advert, music video
- Audio – radio advert, movie soundtrack
- Publishing – e-magazine, e-newspaper, poster
- Websites – any
- Games – any digital game (online, download, console game)

Using A3 paper, learners are to analyse stylistic codes of their given media product. Discuss how these stylistic codes are used to create meaning, e.g. the colour red is used to represent passion. This creates a sense of intimacy. Allow 30 minutes to analyse and discuss.



EXPOSITION

Recap what has been covered in the lesson, reiterating the importance of stylistic codes in creating meaning.



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 14.1**). Learners should feedback to you on what they can identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Informing Meaning: Part I**.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners are to revisit the media product they worked on from the last four lessons (task). Learners are to analyse their chosen media product allocated in Lesson 14.1 of stylistic codes used, i.e. what meanings are created? How? Why? Learners to present to the rest of the class. This may lead into a discussion about how stylistic codes are used to create meaning.



You may choose for learners to give a presentation that covers what has been learnt over the last four lessons in Lesson 15.

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 14: Creating Meaning: Part I

1. Suggest **four** arrangements that make up the mise-en-scène.

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2. a) Give **one** example of a stylistic code.

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b) Give an example of how this stylistic code can be used to connote

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3. Which **two** of the following stylistic codes could be used to create excitement?

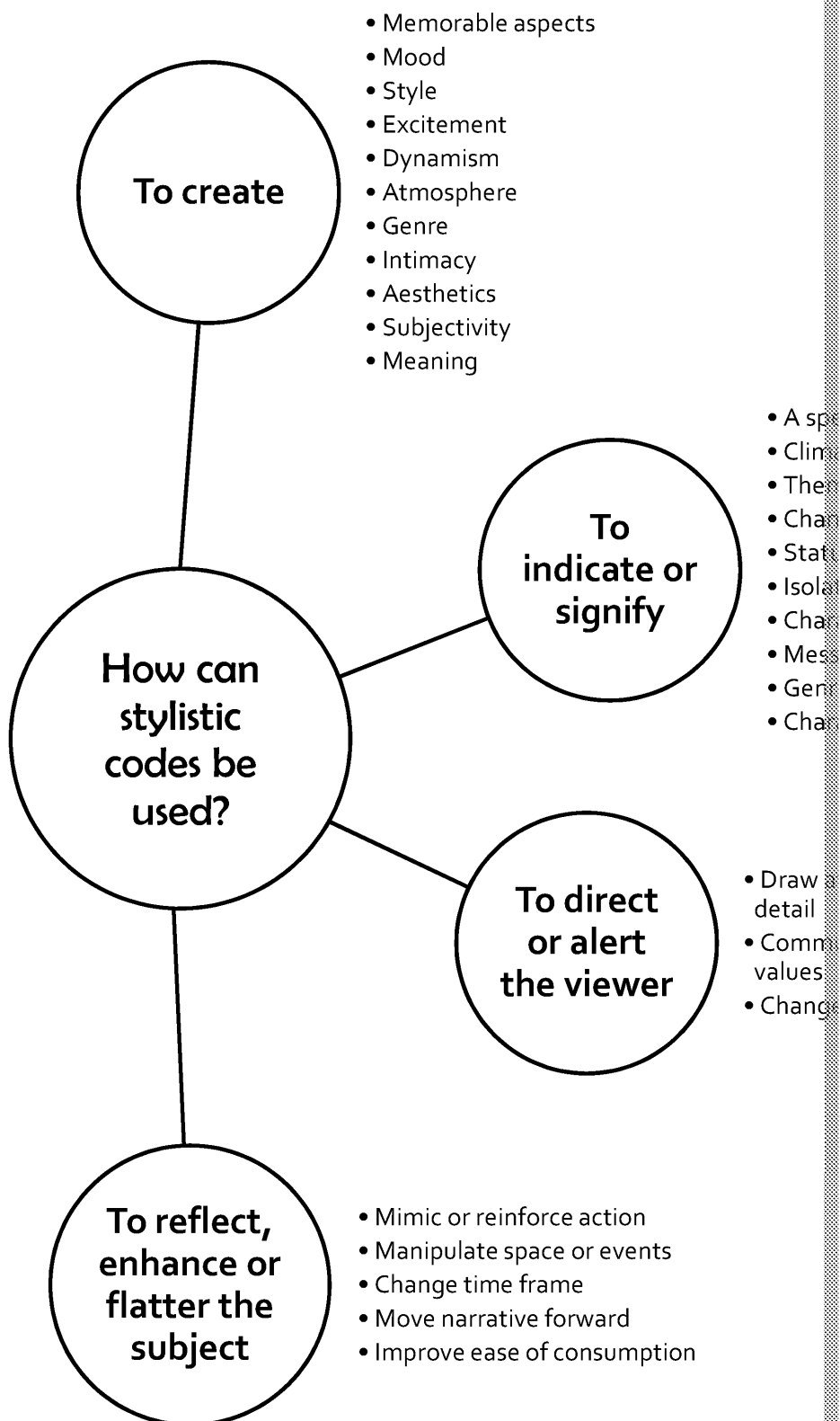
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| b) Composition | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Creating Meaning: Part I



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Lesson Plan 15 – Creating Meaning: Part II

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LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ how stylistic codes can be used in creating meaning in media products

Keywords: *stylistic codes*



STARTER

Learners are given 10 minutes to prepare for their presentations, e.g. set



MAIN

Learners are to present their ongoing analysis of a chosen media product so far.



EXPOSITION

Recap what has been covered over the last few lessons, reminding learners what they have learnt.



PLENARY

Use **Resource 15.1** to test learners on their terminology to date.

1. Give out the 4 x 4 grids (or ask learners to sketch the grid).
2. Put the 60 words from the list on the board and ask learners to choose 20 words on their grid.
3. Call out definitions of 20 chosen words in a random order.
4. Either go for a full house, or choose to include one-line successes.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

Learners are to go over terminology that they are unsure of. Learners are to choose a media product of their choice, e.g. an e-magazine cover. Learners are to answer the question: **How does the product create meaning for the target audience?**

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Word List

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Saturation | 21. Primary research |
| 2. High angle | 22. Qualitative research |
| 3. Low angle | 23. Audience profile |
| 4. Close-up shot | 24. Uses/gratifications model |
| 5. Establishing shot | 25. The hypodermic model |
| 6. Slow motion | 26. Passive viewing |
| 7. Zoom in | 27. Secondary audiences |
| 8. Tracking | 28. Active media |
| 9. Rule of thirds | 29. Synergy |
| 10. Fonts | 30. Cross-media |
| 11. Juxtaposition | 31. PEGI |
| 12. Mise-en-scène | 32. BBFC |
| 13. Low-key lighting | 33. Access |
| 14. Under lighting | 34. Immediacy |
| 15. Editing transitions | 35. Interactivity |
| 16. Editing cut | 36. Convergence |
| 17. Aural motifs | 37. Media sector |
| 18. Jingles | 38. Device |
| 19. Dialogue | 39. Digital media platforms |
| 20. Incidental music | 40. Production |

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Bingo Cards

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Lesson Plan 16 – Genre and Representation

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LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ how genre and representation are used to communicate meaning

Keywords: *genre, representation, stereotype*



STARTER

To start, present the class with the same piece of media text, such as an home page, television programme ident, etc. Learners are to work individually to identify which audience the product is aimed at and what genre the product is. Use this as a starting point to discuss how everyone in the class reached the same or different meaning through stylistic codes, e.g. colour, font, framing). Introduce the concept of representation. Help learners to come up with definitions. Use examples of different representations.



MAIN

Learners are to come up with a list of pros and cons for genre (producer's term 'stereotype' to learners. They are to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of representation. Aid learners in their discussion of these concepts. You may want to introduce the term 'realism' to learners. You will need a variety of different media products across all the media sectors for the next task (ensure that all media sectors are covered). Look at genre (generic conventions) using **Resource 16.1** and representation (stylistic codes) each remembering to use the knowledge they have learnt, e.g. stylistic codes, profiling. This activity can be done in groups, where each group feeds back to the class. Learners are to identify typical traits from each genre and representation covered; this can be done as a list which all learners contribute to. This can be followed by an exercise, e.g. comparing the digital media products covered.



EXPOSITION

Reiterate the importance of genre and representation, particularly drawing on the examples discussed.



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 16.3**). Learners should feed back to you on what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Informative Representation**.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

This task can be done as a mind map or a short analysis essay: choose a brand identity; what does their identity represent? How?

Q: Using an example of a digital media product of your choice, explore how it communicates meaning and engage audiences across different media sectors.

OR
Q: Using an example of a digital media product of your choice, explore how it communicates meaning and engage audiences across different media sectors.

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Generic Codes

CaMeraWork	
ChArAcTeRs	
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LaNgUAgE	
MiSe-eN-sCeNe	
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Stereotypes

POP QUIZ

Lesson 16: Genre and Representation

1. What is a stereotype?

.....

.....

2. Look at the picture below. Which film genre is it conventional of?

.....



3. Which of the following are generic codes?

- a) Mise-en-scène
- b) Iconography
- c) Narrative structure
- d) Language
- e) Characters
- f) Camerawork
- g) Music
- h) Soundtrack
- i) Style
- j) Graphics
- k) All of the above

4. Give an example of iconography typically associated with the science

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Genre and Representation

'Genre' describes a type that has a set of typical conventions. The term 'genre' is used to describe a type of media text across many media platforms such as magazines, music and film.

Identifying a particular genre is becoming increasingly easy for the audience as there are certain predictable characteristics associated with a genre. Codes and conventions are used to represent these characteristics. For example, the codes and conventions of blood, violence and gore are typical of the horror TV and film genre. These identifiable codes and conventions create an expectation and can lead to the creation of hybrid genres that appeal to a wider audience, such as the romantic comedy TV and film genre.

Examples of Genre:

Moving Image	Audio	Publishing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adventure Comedy Crime Fantasy Science-fiction Romance Drama Documentary Music television Soap operas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audiobooks Audio guides Documentaries Music formats News Current affairs Drama Soap operas Comedy Talk shows Phone-ins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fashion Music Technology Photography Entertainment Sport Cars Broadsheets Tabloids Red tops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Representation and Stereotypes

The term 'representation' means how places, people, ideas or events are represented in media texts. 'Stereotype' means a person/character or group of people that is associated with a particular social group, or that is typical of a particular group, which are continuously repeated and used within the media.

Through representation, it is very common to associate a stereotype with an industry, in particular the news media, creates stereotypes so that the audience can identify certain characteristics. Stereotypes define people that are grouped together because they share certain characteristics. A concern of stereotypes is that they do not allow for individual representation is a version of reality with a grain of truth that the media industry creates. It is evident in tabloids, magazines and television programmes, for example. The way that people, ideas or events are represented creates certain messages and values. This is called representation and is a part in how audiences relate to, and use, media texts.

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Lesson Plan 17 – Narrative

Include



LESSON AIMS

Learners should understand:

- ✓ the concept of narrative and how digital media products use narrative to engage audiences

Keywords: *narrative, plot, story, characterisation, themes, structures*



STARTER

Introduce the concept of narrative, using examples to help learners come up with their own. You may wish to also introduce terms such as 'storyline' (plot, story, narrative), 'characterisation' (identification), 'themes', 'structures' (linear, non-linear, openings, endings), 'narrative devices' (subjective, objective, mode of address) and 'continuity' (narrative style across products) with examples for each. Hand out **Resource 17.1** – a word search which contains key terminology for the lesson.



MAIN

For the main activity, you may wish to focus on one media product, such as a film trailer, which can be adapted so that learners look at a variety of digital media products across the lesson. Arrange learners into five groups and assign each group one of the following tasks: 'story and narrative', 'characterisation (identification)', 'themes', 'structures (linear, non-linear, openings, endings)' and 'narrative devices (use of narrator, subjective, objective, mode of address)'. Learners are to watch the film trailer three times: the first time just to watch, the second time making notes as they watch. Learners are to discuss in their groups what they have learnt from the rest of the class. Remind learners that the concepts they have learnt in the lesson (about representation) can also be applied to this activity. You may wish to look at a range of digital media products to explore continuity (narrative style across products) with examples for each. Hand out **Resource 17.2** – a worksheet for learners to record their findings and differences.



EXPOSITION

Go over what has been learnt in the lesson, reminding learners of the key concepts.



PLENARY

Learners are to answer the Pop Quiz (**Resource 17.2**). Learners should feedback to you what they can identify what they have learnt from the lesson. Hand out **Informative** worksheet.



EXTENSION OR HOMEWORK

1. Learners are to come up with a proposal for a new digital media product. The product is aimed at a specific audience and is typical of a particular genre (you can provide examples, or let learners have free rein).
2. Learners will then need to plan their design using their knowledge of the key concepts of genre, representation and narrative in mind.
3. Learners will then need to explain their design, e.g. how they have applied the key concepts to communicate a meaning that the target audience will engage with / respond to.

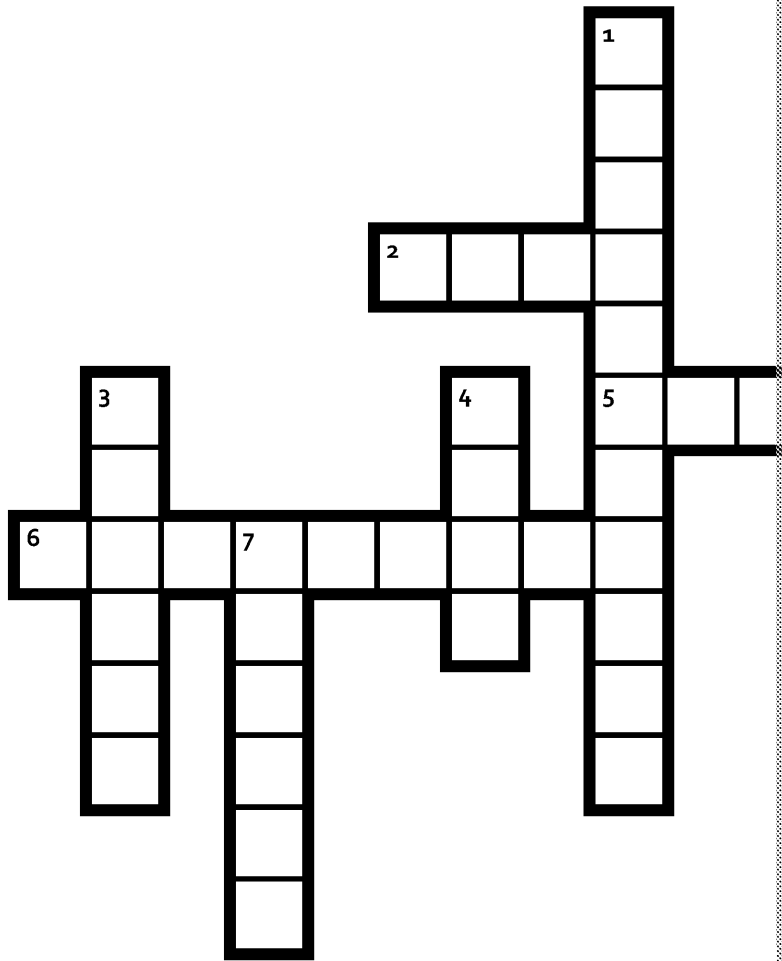
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Crossword

Fill in the crossword using the clues provided



Across

- 2 Defines the events that make up the story (4)
- 5 The recounting of the sequence of events (5)
- 6 A type of narrative that does not follow a chronological order (3-6)

Down

- 1 A number of different episodes that are linked together (7)
- 3 A narrative with a clear beginning, middle and end (3)
- 4 A narrative with a clear beginning, middle and end (4)
- 7 A narrative that does not follow a chronological order (6)

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POP QUIZ

Lesson 17: Narrative

1. Which **one** of the following is a narrative structure?
 - a) Linear
 - b) Plot
 - c) Mode of address
 - d) Continuity

2. Give **one** example of a narrative device.

.....

3. What is the mode of address?

.....

.....

4. Match up the following narrative structures with their correct definition

a) Multi-strand

b) Open

c) Closed

A clear

A number
in a story

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A diagram of a 3-strand DNA structure. It consists of three horizontal, rounded rectangular boxes stacked vertically. The top box is labeled "Non-linear", the middle box is labeled "Multi-strand", and the bottom box is labeled "Closed". To the right of these boxes, there are three empty, rounded rectangular boxes stacked vertically, aligned with the top, middle, and bottom boxes respectively.

Todorov was the theorist who suggested that all narratives have a five-part structure:

Stage of Narrative	Explanation of Today's Story
Equilibrium	The status quo, where there is peace and no oppositional change.
Disruption	An event that shatters the peace.
Recognition of disruption	Main characters then understand the disruption.
Repair of disruption	Main characters attempt to restore the peace.
Repair of equilibrium	A new peace has been restored between the two groups, where all is well.

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Answers to Pop Quizzes

Lesson 1: Introduction to Unit 1: Digital Media?

1. C: E-magazine
2. *Any one of the following:*
 - DAB radio
 - Digital download
 - Digital TV broadcast
 - DVD
 - DVRs
 - E-book
 - HD camcorder
 - Digital camera
 - Internet radio
 - MP3 player
 - Non-linear editing systems
 - Podcast
3. a) *Any one of the following:*
 - Produce a book and/or e-book of the film, such as a screenplay, and
 - Produce a poster (billboards, magazine inserts, six-sheet poster pack)
 - Produce a magazine and/or e-magazine for the film, e.g. trivia, interactive competitions.
 - Produce a magazine article in a popular film magazine, such as *Empire*, a cast interview, making of the film 'behind the scenes'.
 - Produce the DVD cover design.b) *Any one of the following:*
 - Cross-media synergy raises/creates national and/or global awareness to a wider target audience and demographic, which creates revenue.
 - Cross-media synergy enables companies to utilise each other's skills and visibility on a varied range of media platforms (that would be restricted to one company) that allows for wider distribution.
 - Cross-media synergy allows for a greater presence of a particular brand in a domain, i.e. increases brand awareness and becomes easily recognisable.

Lesson 2: Media Processes

1. D: Mixing sound
2. *Any one of the following:*
 - Designing the website / web page mock-ups
 - Pitching
 - Budgets
 - Selecting fonts and/or colour schemes
 - Sourcing images
 - Permissions/clearance
 - Writing copy
3. B: E-magazine
4. Pre-production = Creating a production schedule
Production = Shooting footage
Post-production = Shooting pick-up shots
Distribution = Digital download
Exhibition/consumption = Watching on an MP4 player

Lesson 3: Digital Media Platforms and Devices

1. A: Games console

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2. a) 1. TV
 2. Audio
 3. Publishing
 b) *Any of the following:*
 - Mobile phone
 - PC
 - Laptop
 - Radio
 - Tablet
3. *Any two of the following:*
 - Blu-ray disc
 - Digital download
 - On-demand Internet streaming media (e.g. Netflix)
 - Pay-per-view TV (e.g. Sky Movies)
 - TV broadcast

Lesson 4: Multimedia technology and consumption: Part I

1. a) Describes the coming together of more than one media area, e.g. content across a range of media platforms simultaneously.

b) *Examples could include:*
 - Listening to the radio on a laptop/smartphone
 - Surfing the Internet using a games console / smartphone / MP3/4 player
 - Watching television programmes on a laptop / smartphone /MP3/4 player
 - Using a smartphone to record a video / take a picture
 - Playing games on a laptop / smartphone / MP3/4 player (e.g. iPod)
2. *Any two of the following:*
 - Increased speed
 - No longer exclusive to professionals (amateur media-makers)
 - User friendly
 - Cost effective (all in one)
 - Always connected
3. D: All of the above

Lesson 5: Multimedia Technology and Consumption: Part II

1. *Any two of the following:*
 - Consumer has a level of control over their own media experience to create content
 - The ability to create user-generated content
 - Enables an active audience (audience engaging with content)*Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to the advantages of interactive media*
2. *Any one of the following:*
 - Logging in / signing out function
 - Usernames
 - Avatars (upload own picture, etc. / create own avatar)
 - EPGs, digital TV menus
 - Hard-disc video recorders
 - Music playlists*Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to an example of personalisation*
3. *Any one of the following:*
 - Gameplay
 - Digital editing (mash-ups)
 - Hyperlinks
 - Uploading/downloading
 - Forums and message boards
 - Red Button*Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to an example of interactivity*

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4. *Advantage* = makes the user feel valued as an individual
Disadvantage = the cost incurred for the media producer
Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to advantages/disadvantages
5. a) Content that is created by a media user rather than by a media producer
b) *Any one of the following:*
 - Podcasts
 - Mobile phone videos
 - Mobile phone photography
 - Blog post
 - Vlog
 - Posts on social networking sites, such as Facebook
 - Web forums
 - Digital editing (mash-ups)*Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to an example of user-generated content*

Lesson 6: Types of Audience: Part I

1. a) *Any one of the following:*
 - Privacy
 - Convenience
 - Individuality
 - Accessibility
 - Control*Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to solo enjoyment.*
- b) *Any one of the following:*
 - Social interaction
 - Competition
 - Belonging
 - Sharing*Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to collective enjoyment*
2. *Any two of the following:*
 - Instant phone messaging
 - Social networking
 - Live broadcasts (TV and radio)
 - DVD viewing*Accept any other appropriate answer; including brand names, e.g. Twitter®.*
3. a) Individual
b) Group
4. B: Web surfer

Lesson 7: Types of Audience: Part II

1. *Any one of the following:*
 - Watching TV with phone-ins (engaging)
 - Playing video games
 - Social networking, e.g. Twitter®*Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to an example of active viewing*
2. *Any two of the following:*
 - Supports the idea that all audiences will respond to media messages in the same way, without account for individual responses or polysemic readings.
 - Supports the notion that media consumers will copy behaviour seen in the media. This behaviour copied is always seen as negative rather than the behaviour being copied.
 - Views the individual as a passive and submissive member of a larger audience, rather than their own except those gained solely from the media.
3. *Any two of the following:*

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- Supports the idea that all audiences will respond to media messages in media for their own personal gratification and needs, which accounts for polysemic readings of a media product.
 - Views the individual as an active and engaged member of a larger audience brings their own personal knowledge to a media product.
 - Supports the notion that audiences have complete control over the media use it and the effect it may have on their lives as a result.
4. *Any two of the following:*
- The consumer acts as a researcher for the media producer, therefore a minute) information on incidents/events/news is more readily available.
 - Media producers have far more access to secret footage / undercover for camera crews are prohibited or are not present at the location, e.g. national countries of civil unrest, etc.
 - Material is often in the public domain, such as on social networking sites producers to gain access/permission for this content.
 - Consumers (members of the public) freely submit material, so it is easy source content without spending money to do so (cost-effective).
- Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to the advantages of user-generated content.*
5. A: Adults who take their children to see a children's film at the cinema.

Lesson 8: Audience and Producer Control

1. PEGI (Pan European Game Information)
 2. A regulatory body for communications (broadcasting, telecommunications) which represents the interests of consumers by protecting them from harm
 3. D: ASA
 4. Protects consumers from material that could be seen as misleading, harmful
- Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to an advantage of regulatory bodies.*
5. To serve members of the public who have complaints about newspapers and

Lesson 9: Understanding Audiences through Research

1. *Any two of the following:*
 - Tailored to the researcher's specific needs obtaining first-hand information
 - Research is up to date and accurate
 - Researcher can interpret the results without having to rely on other interpretations
 - Researcher has more free rein on the methods they use in their primary research

Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to the advantages of primary research.
2. Qualitative research measures individual opinions, etc. (i.e. word based) whereas quantitative research measures numerical data, e.g. percentages, statistics.
3. *Any one of the following:*
 - Archive research
 - Internet research
 - Library research
 - Reading
4. C: Do you think that e-newspapers are a good idea?
5. a) Primary research method
- b) *Any one of the following:*
 - Allows the researcher to interact with the participants in the focus group
 - As it is qualitative data, it may be easier to understand than quantitative data
 - Researcher can measure non-verbal responses which will contribute to understanding
 - Researcher can ask follow-up questions or probe more deeply into a particular area
 - Information can be collected far more quickly than when interviewing participants

Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to an advantage of focus groups.
- c) *Any one of the following:*
 - Focus groups are generally quite small in size, therefore this group size provides a good representation of the larger audience.

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- Participants may feel peer pressure from fellow participants to give similar answers (lack of individual opinion).
 - How the questions are phrased/worded may affect participants' answers.
 - Group discussions can be difficult to control, as time could be lost talking about irrelevant issues (it may be difficult to steer it in the direction the researcher wants it to go).
- Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to a disadvantage of focus groups.*

Lesson 10: Audience Profiling

1. *Any one of the following:*
 - To identify trends or patterns in consumer behaviour and audience composition to better understand current audiences and the typical consumer of a media product.
 - To categorise and break down the audience according to age / gender / location in order to target audiences more accurately when marketing particular products.

Accept any other appropriate answer which relates to the ways in which media producers use audience profiling.
2. F: All of the above
3. a) A description of the characteristics that make up the target audience for a product.
b) *Any one of the following:*
 - Describes who the consumers are
 - Describes why consumers act as they do (psychographics)
 - Helps media producers make better media products suited to the target audience.
 - Saves time and money by minimising the risk that the audience will not respond.
 - Can help with gaining advertising revenue / sponsors who share a target audience.

Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to a purpose of audience profiling.
4. *Any one of the following with an appropriate example:*
 - Immediacy
 - Access
 - Convenience
 - Portability
 - Connectivity

E.g. 'Consumers are much more likely to access online content whilst on the move'.
e.g. using smartphones to access social networking sites such as Facebook.

Lesson 11: Codes as Signs

1. D: What a phrase or word suggests or implies
2. Implies that the audience is active and rejects the idea that all audiences will interpret the same way.
Accept any other appropriate answer which refers to an advantage of oppositional codes.
3. A preferred reading is the intentional meaning of a media text created by a producer. An aberrant meaning describes when the audience interprets meaning that is different from that of the media producer.
4. *Denotation* = A girl holding a microphone
Connotation = The microphone connotes that the girl is the lead singer of a band. The colour black connoted through the colour black (convention of the rock genre). The connotations suggest looking cool and laid-back, and are suggestive of her confidence as a performer.
Accept any other appropriate answer.

Lesson 12: Stylistic Codes as Signs: Part I

1. Picture D
2. C: A guideline that is used in the composition of visual images. The guideline divides the image into equal parts, where important elements should be positioned along these lines or at the intersections in order to create more tension and interest rather than having elements centered on the centre.
3. To direct the user/viewer/reader
Accept any other appropriate answer.

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4. a) *Colour* – I would use dark tones to create a sense of uneasiness/dread and manipulate their mood and to signpost that something bad is about to happen.
 - b) *Framing* – I would use close-up shots to direct the audience to the feelings involved in the accident, to create a sombre mood and sense of shock and engaged with.
 - c) *Camera movement* – I would use slow motion in order to create and build the scene.
 - d) *Composition* – I would position the main character in the foreground to focus on the character and in order to create a sense of intimacy between the audience and the character.
- Accept any other appropriate answers.*

Lesson 13: Stylistic Codes as Signs: Part II

1. B: A film (montage) editing effect that enables viewers to bring their own sequence of images to create meaning
2. A: Straight cut
3. *Any one of the following:*
 - Jingle
 - Voice-over
 - Dialogue
 - Sound effects

Accept any other appropriate answer.
4. C: Setting
5. Low-key lighting

Lesson 14: Creating meaning: Part I

1. *Accept any four of the following:*
 - Sets
 - Props
 - Costumes
 - Lighting
 - Make-up
 - Hair
 - Figure expression
2. a) *Accept any one of the following:*
 - Colour
 - Framing and angle
 - Movement
 - Composition or navigation
 - Mise-en-scène
 - Lighting
 - Editing
 - Sound
- b) *Any appropriate example with any of the following:*
 - *To create:* mood, atmosphere, meaning, intimacy, excitement, dynamic, subjectivity, memorable aspects
 - *To direct/alert the viewer:* draw attention to character emotion, character messages and values, change distance or perspective
 - *To indicate/signify:* climate, themes, change of time frame, status, character emotion, messages and values, character traits, genre
 - *To reflect/enhance/flatter the subject:* manipulate events or space, character, reinforce/mimic action, easier to consume
3. A: Sound
D: Editing

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Lesson 16: Genre and Representation

1. Typical traits associated with a particular social group or genre that become continuously repeated and used within the media
 2. Horror
 3. K: All of the above
 4. *Any one of the following:*
 - Outer Space or other worlds
 - Aliens, androids, non-human life forms
 - Futuristic technology – transport (teleportation, hovercrafts, etc.), human weaponry, gadgets, etc.
 - Post-apocalyptic landscapes, e.g. broken down cities (derelict)
- Accept any other appropriate answer*

Lesson 17: Narrative

1. A: Linear
 2. *Any one of the following:*
 - Plot twist
 - Narration (omniscient, first person)
 - Ellipsis
 - Flashbacks
- Accept any other appropriate answer.*
3. How a media text speaks to an audience
 4.
 - a) A number of different storylines in a single episode that appeals to a mass audience
 - b) No sense of an ending
 - c) A clear sense of an ending, with no loose ends left

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