

How to Be a Presenter

Use this activity sheet to help you have a go at being a TV presenter. This will help you work towards getting your Blue Peter Fan Club Badge.

There is no set rule on how to become a TV presenter for CBBC in real life. Sometimes, people study media courses; other times, they are experts in something, like gardening or sports; sometimes, they are simply in the right place at the right time. Read on to get some tips to find out how you could be a presenter.

Choose Your Subject

Being a brilliant presenter is all about showing passion for the subject you are talking about. This could be anything from pets to puzzles. So think about the things that you really love to help you decide what you could talk about confidently. You may wish to write a list of things you like; these questions may help you.

- What do you love doing best when you are hanging out with your friends?
- What do you like learning about at school?
- Do you have a special hobby or club that you go to?
- Does your family have a special interest?
- What do you daydream about being/doing when you grow up?



Plan What You Will Talk About

Once you have chosen the subject you'll talk about, it may be a good idea to plan what you will say. It may help you to write every word that you imagine you'll say or you may be more confident without so many notes. You may wish to write notes on the key points you'd like to say. These could include:

- introducing yourself – who you are or a fun fact about yourself;
- introducing your subject – why you're talking about it and why you're passionate about it;
- talking about your subject – perhaps demonstrating how something works or explaining what it is;
- thanking people for watching.



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What Will You Wear?

When you record your presenter piece, you may want to choose an outfit. This could be something:

- you feel confident in;
- that links to your subject or passion (such as a T-shirt with flowers on it if you're talking about gardening);
- that suits what you will be doing (for example, make sure that you're wearing something you can move in easily if you're demonstrating how to get on and off a bike).



Set Your Scene



Make sure that wherever you choose to film suits the subject you're talking about – you may be outside if you're talking about nature or in the kitchen if you're sharing a recipe. You may wish to make some props that relate to your subject to help you explain about them. For example, if you're talking about your pet dog, you may include dog food, a bowl, dog toys and a lead as your props.

Practise

You may want to practise talking through what you will do as a presenter. Have a go at talking out loud and pretending you are on camera. You can use the notes you have made to help you remember key points to speak about.

Recording Yourself

Try recording yourself being a presenter using a camera or tablet. You may need to ask a grown-up to help you or to hold the camera.



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Sharing Your 'Show'

You may want to share your show with a live audience (such as members of your family) or you may even want to interview someone to be on your show. If you are involving other people, always make sure they are happy to be recorded and they know what you will be using the recording for. If you want to share your show with people that you don't live with (such as wider family members or friends), you may wish to ask your parents if it is possible for them to send them a recording so that more people can enjoy seeing you become a presenter!

