



The Switchover

Name _____ Date _____



1. Read the text in the box below:

Starting in 2008 and ending in 2012, TV services in the UK will go completely digital, TV region by TV region.

The UK's old television broadcast signal (known as "analogue") is being switched off and replaced with a "digital" signal.

Any TV set or video recorder that is not converted to digital when the switchover takes place will no longer receive TV programmes.

You need to find some more information about this.

2. Open a browser and type the following URL in the address bar:

<http://www.digitaluk.co.uk>

Answer the following questions:

3. What is the process of turning off the UK's analogue TV signal and replacing it with a digital signal called? _____
4. The TV signal serving Greater London is provided by which transmitter group?

5. After switchover, if you live near a main transmitter, how many channels will you be able to receive? _____
6. After switchover, if you live near a relay transmitter, how many channels will you be able to receive? _____
7. Martin is retired. He is 82 years old. Can Martin get help to switch to digital? What kind of help can he get? _____



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8. On the homepage, select and view the TV advert that tells you about your options. What are the three main ways to switch to digital television?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

9. Maggie is moving from London to live in Aberdeen. Her new flat is on Mile End Avenue, Aberdeen AB15. Use the search facility on the Go Digital website to find out when Maggie will go digital. _____

10. What should (or can) you do if you live in a shared aerial area? _____

11. Is the switchover free? Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

12. Read the Costs & Options section. Which options would you choose?

13. Explain why you would choose this option: _____

14. Use the site map and locate the London TV Region. Print out the page.

15. It states on the page that *"During preparations for switchover there may be interruptions to your television service due to [planned engineering works](#)".* Find out which services are disrupted at the moment. Print the page showing the results.

16. You need to save the transmitter map image for another task later on. Locate the transmitter map nearest to where you live and save it in the My Picture folder on your computer.

17. You will also need to use the Go Digital website later on in the course. Bookmark the page and show your tutor the bookmark.