

Making a drama programme

Aims

You should understand that some drama programmes can be expensive to make and that companies have to make a number of decisions when planning a new programme.

Activity

Watch a short piece of a drama programme and use the sheet as a guide to describing how the programme was made.

Write this up neatly for your folder.

Describe other programmes which you have seen and see if you can see how the factors on the sheet can affect how programmes are planned and made.

Summary questions

Why do producers and production companies need to plan their drama programmes so carefully?

Development work

Suggest a plan for a big budget programme or for a drama play that would be very cheap to make.

Which types of drama are cheap to make? Which cost most?

How do companies make a profit on the programmes that they make?

Assessment work and planning

Use this plan as a guide to your own work when you plan and organise a drama for television.