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www.directv.com

An EFL lesson based on the authentic web site

Intermediate

3 class periods

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DirecTV is one of the main providers of digital satellite television in the USA, offering a very large number of 24-hour channels from a dish the size of a large pizza. Its pay-per-view channels allow the viewer to order films instantly by using just the satellite remote control; no telephoning is necessary.

1. Go to www.directv.com and click on **About Us** on the upper-right corner of the home page. You want to know how many channels the company offers. First, write your question here in *correct grammar*:

How many _____ offer?

Answer: _____ channels.

2. Find the Channel Lineup under **See** and find out the Food Network channel **number** - _____

Now list the name of the program on the Food Network that is appearing ***now*** (Eastern time) in the USA. You can find it by clicking first on the **Program Guide**. First, write the question here in correct grammar:

_____?

Answer: _____ (title of program)

3. Repeat the process for the Encore East channel (526) for 10:00 p.m. This is a movie channel.

Question: _____?

Answer: _____ (title of movie).

Now click on the film title in the program guide and copy the plot summary here.

4. Find the link for **Packages**. (It's under one of the categories at the top of the home page.) As a customer you don't have to choose *all* the channels available. You can subscribe to 110 channels, for example, as a "package," Find out the name of this package. First, write the question:

What _____
110 channels?

Answer: _____

Price per month: \$ _____

5. Find out the name of the most expensive package.

Question: _____ ?

Answer: _____

Price per month: _____

6. Return to the home page. To fill in the table below you will need to click on **Channel Lineup** and **Channel descriptions**. Write in the name of the channel you choose for each situation in the table below. In some cases, the channel is given and you must write an appropriate sentence, in *correct English*.

Example:

Situation	Channel	
I enjoy learning about nature and the outdoors.	Outdoor Life Network	608

Situation	Channel name and number	
a) I want to learn how to improve the appearance of my house.		
b)	Newsworld International	366
c) I enjoy watching science fiction programs.		
d)	Toon Disney	292
e) Which channel has travel information?		
f) I need to know if JFK Airport is closed because of bad weather.		
g)	Music Choice 80s	823
h) Where can I watch sports from Florida?		
i) I want to know about diseases.		
j) I like TV shows that are funny, that make me laugh		

7. Read about the Pay-Per-View movies and answer this question:

The movies are about two hours long, usually. Yet, popular movies are shown every 30 minutes (example: 10:00 a.m., 10:30, 11:00, etc. How do they start the same movie every 30 minutes?

8. Our last question is very advanced! This should be a project for pairs or groups of three students. We want you to **list the 5 links you need to click on in order to find**

this diagram. Start with the banner row of categories at the top of the home page.
Good luck!



1.	_____	under _____	(which category?)
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

End of lesson.

Answer key

1. Over 225.

2. 231

3. variable

4. Total Choice . \$31.99 (with local channels, \$37.99).

5. Total Choice Premier. \$81.99 per month. (with local channels, \$85.99).

6.

Situation	Channel name and number	
a) I want to learn how to improve the appearance of my house.	Home & Garden	229
b) When I'm in the USA I want to keep up with international news.	NewsWorld International	366
c) I enjoy watching science fiction programs.	Sci-Fi Channel	244
d) My children like to watch Disney cartoons.	Toon Disney	292
e) Which channel has travel information?	Travel Channel	277
f) I need to know if JFK Airport is closed because of bad weather.	The weather channel	362
g) I prefer music from the 1980s.	Music Choice 80s	823
h) Where can I watch sports from Florida?	FOX Sports Net Florida	634
i) I want to know about diseases.	The Health Network	368
j) I like TV shows that are funny, that make me laugh	Comedy Central	249

7. The same movie is shown on four or five channels simultaneously and starting times are staggered every half-hour.

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1. Overview (under LEARN)
2. Getting DirecTV in 5 easy steps
3. 5 steps to getting DirecTV
4. Self-installation (under INSTALL YOUR SYSTEM)
5. Click here for Dish Pointer Demo