

# Read/Watch/Listen

Here are this week's list of good quality podcasts, TV programmes, films, articles and books that you can access for free. Choose something that sounds interesting, improve your vocabulary and knowledge of the world, and enjoy.

## Read

### Articles online

[Stارmer v Sunak: who came out top in the first leaders' debate? Our panel's verdict | Nesrine Malik, Katy Balls, Owen Jones and Nels Abbey | The Guardian](#) A review of the Leaders' Debate.

[32ec29\\_2af6ad13e654404c9f4820c466a7851f.pdf \(dynamicearthonline.co.uk\)](#) Learn how to spot different clouds with Dynamic Earth

[Recipes remedies and charms \(nms.ac.uk\)](#) Read about 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century cures for common illnesses and see if you could bear the strange and sometimes terrible treatments.

[Manchester City chair warns Premier League is to become less competitive | Manchester City | The Guardian](#) Read about the current debate on Manchester City.

### Books in the Borders Library Service (free to join and many books available online. Students can join online so there's no need to even enter the library!)

**Luckenbooth by Jenni Fagan (14+):** Possessed of a gothic menace all its own, Fagan's chilling novel interweaves a demonic birthing with the disturbing misfortunes of the residents of an Edinburgh tenement in darkly lyrical prose. (Online edition available) Mrs Ponsford is currently reading this and can highly recommend!

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**Inspector Rebus by Ian Rankin (14+):** Winner of the 1997 CWA Macallan Gold Dagger for fiction for Black & Blue, comes the early Inspector Rebus novels, gathered together in one volume for the first time. **14+**

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**Born to Run by Michael Morpurgo:** For Best Mate, being rescued from drowning as a young puppy is only the start of his adventures. From unwanted burden to favourite companion, and from pet to champion race dog, this remarkable greyhound proves that it's not just cats who have more than one life.

[Born to run / Michael Morpurgo ; illustrated by Michael Foreman. | Live Borders Libraries \(spydus.co.uk\)](#)

**Black Ice by Andrew Lane:** The year is 1868, and Sherlock Holmes is 14. The young detective has travelled to America to unravel a deadly mystery, but now he faces his most dangerous mission yet. Mycroft, Sherlock's older brother, has suddenly vanished.

Discovering that he has headed to Russia, Sherlock has no choice but to follow his trail.

[Black ice / Andrew Lane. | Live Borders Libraries \(spydus.co.uk\)](#)

## Watch

[BBC iPlayer - Rebus](#) 14+ In Edinburgh's murky underbelly, DS Rebus is drawn into a violent criminal conflict that turns personal. A dark, fresh take on Ian Rankin's iconic character, with Richard Rankin.

[BBC iPlayer - There's Only One Rob Burrow](#) A tribute to the life of Rob Burrow – the English professional rugby league player who was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease and worked hard to fund raise and bring awareness of the disease to the public.

[BBC iPlayer - D-Day 80 - The Allies Prepare](#) Paying tribute to the heroes of 1944. Poignant and powerful events on both sides of the Channel to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

[BBC iPlayer - Scotland - The New Wild - Series 1: Episode 1](#) Series showcasing Scotland's wildlife, habitats and scenery.

## Listen

<https://radiolab.org/radiolab-kids> <https://radiolab.org> This podcast asks deep questions about the world and uses investigative journalism to get the answers. An episode might whirl you through science, legal history and into the home of someone halfway across the world. There is a programme designed for younger listeners and one for older teenagers and adults.

[Can chameleons change colour in their sleep? The Conversation's Curious Kids podcast](#) Have you ever wondered how chameleons change colour? And can they do this while they're asleep? What about if they are able to dream? Does their dream flash across their bodies in reds, turquoises and greens? Join curious ten-year-old Ikechukwu from Lagos, Nigeria, as he takes all his questions to an expert!

[Sporting Giants - Kylian Mbappe - Episode 1: 'The boy from Bondy' - BBC Sounds](#)

How Kylian Mbappe began his journey from the Paris suburbs to global football stardom.

[BBC Sounds - Brooklyn by Colm Tóibín - Available Episodes](#) 14+

Niamh Cusack reads Colm Tóibín's story of duty, love and a girl who moved from the south of Ireland to seek a new life in New York in the 1950s