

Five Minutes of English

Five Minutes of English is an innovative program designed and produced by the English Inspectorate at the Ministry of Education.

There are 20 clips, each one lasting approximately 5 minutes. Ideally, each clip should be shown to classes a year before they begin having English lessons. So if at your school, English lessons begin in the 3rd grade, this program should be shown to the 2nd grade. If, on the other hand, English lessons begin in the 2nd grade, this program should be shown to the 1st grade etc. As the pupils won't have started learning English yet, each clip should be screened on three different days in the week. If you happen to teach English in first, second, third or fourth grade, feel free to screen these clips to your pupils. The program is not restricted only to those classes where English isn't yet taught!

It doesn't matter which teacher screens it, but there should be consistency so the pupils aren't watching it too little or too often. Hearing words and phrases repeatedly, is the most effective path to learning a new language. If the class teacher decides that she will be responsible for screening it three times a week (each week a different episode), she can choose to do so in her own lessons or during the 10 o'clock snack time.

Each week, a new episode will appear on the portal and the previous episode will still appear for an extra week. Links to 5 Minutes of English also appear on the general portal and the parents' portal, so do encourage your pupils and their parents to watch the clips again at home. In the Teachers' Guide, pupils can find links to songs on similar topics to the clips they've watched that week.