

## Introduction to Watching Videos on YouTube

There are now millions of videos available to watch on the Internet covering just about anything from comedy, sports, news, music, education through to kittens playing with balls of wool!

Most websites stream the video, directly from the site, using a video player. This means the video is always played from the website and not downloaded onto your computer.

## YouTube

YouTube is the most popular video website with millions of videos to watch. The search works very similarly to Google search i.e. you type in keywords to find videos. To watch a video click on the thumbnail i.e. picture of the video or the video title.

**Step 1** Open the Internet

**Step 2** Type the address [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) into the address bar

**YouTube homepage** will appear – it will look something like this

The image shows a screenshot of the YouTube homepage with several annotations pointing to specific features:

- Search Bar:** Located at the top center, with the text "Search for videos using keywords".
- Time:** Points to the duration "4:54" on the video thumbnail "HAUNTED Ghost Ship FIESTA Mission 5". The text says "Length of time the video plays for".
- Views:** Points to the view count "87,730 views" for the video "Jake and Amir: Dare". The text says "The number of people who have watched the video".
- Thumbnails:** Points to the video thumbnail for "Marvel/DC Season 3 Promo". The text says "Click on the thumbnail or video title to watch the video".

Other visible elements on the page include the YouTube logo, navigation links (Home, Videos, Channels), and a "Featured Video" section on the right.

## Watching a Video on YouTube

Watching a video on YouTube is really easy. When you play a video you can use the **player controls** to pause it, change the volume it's played at and even watch it in full screen on your computer.

### YouTube Player Controls



### Activity

- 1 Click on a short video and watch it
- 2 Click on the back browser button to go back to the YouTube homepage

#### Tip:

To stop watching a video at any time, click on the back browser button

