



Sound Effects and Music in Programmes

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When using pre-recorded Sound Effects or Music in programmes, **the audio should be from a linear source.**

Avoid using MP3 files or files that use other "lossy" compression formats as, after processing, these can result in audible cascade artefacts.

The BBC collection of Sound Effects is available on Audio CD and for download in linear wav format from the BBC Intranet: <http://resources.radio.bbc.co.uk/services/sfx/index.aspx>.

Independent producers can order the CDs through BBC I&A (Gram Library) or access the wav file database via the BBC I&A Research Gateway. To do this you need to set up an account and have a BBC programme charge code.

To set up a BBC Library account to borrow any BBC archive material:
email customerservices@bbc.co.uk

To access the wav file database: once inside the BBC firewall, go to research gateway, navigate via TV and Radio, then Other TV and Radio sites (right hand side) to BBC Sound Effects or use this link:
<http://grain03.radio.bbc.co.uk/grain/tvradio>

To order material from I&A:

Radio Material and Sound effects, contact the Research Team:
020 800 82288 option 2, option 1
Or e-mail: researchteam@bbc.co.uk

Grams Material and Mood music where the Title is known:
020 800 82288 option 1
Or e-mail: orders_gramsandtv@bbc.co.uk

Grams Material and Mood music where the title is unknown:
020 800 82288 option 2 option 2
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Customer Services at I&A
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