

## Sesame Street to stream on Netflix

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The children's TV show Sesame Street is moving to the streaming service Netflix. The show started in the USA in 1969. It is one of the world's most loved programmes. There have been 4,731 episodes over 55

seasons. Netflix said the programme is a "beloved [part] of children's media, enchanting young minds and [encouraging] a love of learning". Netflix announced that the show's 56th season would have "fresh format changes". In the new season, viewers will see a return of popular parts of the show like Elmo's World and Cookie Monster's Foodie Truck. Well-known characters like Big Bird, Count von Count and Abby Cadabby will also continue to entertain youngsters.

The Netflix streaming deal will make sure that Sesame Street will continue to educate young children for years to come. Netflix said the show brings "critical early learning to children throughout the country for free". Education was a key reason why Sesame Street was created. In the late 1960s, psychologist Lloyd Morrisett and TV producer Joan Ganz Cooney thought of the idea of the show. They worked with Harvard University's School of Education to think of a new way to teach America's pre-school children. Since 1969, Sesame Street has taught basic maths, literacy, and social skills to children worldwide. It also encouraged tolerance and diversity.

Sources: [netflix.com](https://www.netflix.com) / [latimes.com](https://www.latimes.com) / [npr-org](https://www.npr.org)

### Writing

Television shows are a great way to educate children. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

children's TV / Sesame Street / streaming / episode / season / learning / characters / deal / for years to come / early learning / psychologist / education / maths / literacy

### True / False

- 1) Netflix is moving into Sesame Street. T / F
- 2) The first Sesame Street show aired over 50 years ago. T / F
- 3) Netflix will keep Sesame Street in its original format. T / F
- 4) The character Count von Count will no longer be on Sesame Street. T / F
- 5) Sesame Street educates children across the USA for free. T / F
- 6) Sesame Street was first created by a psychologist and TV producer. T / F
- 7) Sesame Street's creators teamed up with Harvard University. T / F
- 8) Children cannot learn about tolerance and diversity on Sesame Street. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. <b>moving</b>      | a. reading/writing |
| 2. <b>episodes</b>    | b. amuse           |
| 3. <b>enchanting</b>  | c. important       |
| 4. <b>fresh</b>       | d. delighting      |
| 5. <b>entertain</b>   | e. supported       |
| 6. <b>deal</b>        | f. shows           |
| 7. <b>critical</b>    | g. agreement       |
| 8. <b>idea</b>        | h. new             |
| 9. <b>literacy</b>    | i. concept         |
| 10. <b>encouraged</b> | j. relocating      |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What's the best way to educate young children?
- c) What children's shows in your country are popular overseas?
- d) What social skills do children need?
- e) How can we encourage children to be more tolerant?
- f) Should there be more TV shows that educate children?
- g) How diverse is it where you live?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the Netflix bosses?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. Sesame Street is moving to the streaming | a. like Big Bird    |
| 2. one of the world's most                  | b. episodes         |
| 3. There have been 4,731                    | c. diversity        |
| 4. a love                                   | d. loved programmes |
| 5. Well-known characters                    | e. reason           |
| 6. The Netflix streaming                    | f. 1960s            |
| 7. educate young children for years         | g. service Netflix  |
| 8. Education was a key                      | h. to come          |
| 9. In the late                              | i. of learning      |
| 10. It also encouraged tolerance and        | j. deal             |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about Sesame Street?
- What was your favourite TV show when you were a child?
- What do you think of Netflix?
- Is it better to stream shows or download them?
- What's your favourite TV show?
- What do you think of the name 'Sesame Street'?
- What do you know about the characters in Sesame Street?
- What advice do you have for Sesame Street bosses?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

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6. g	7. c	8. i	9. a	10. e

## Comprehension Questions

Listen to / read the news article. Answer these questions.  
(Answers are on p. 27 of the 27-page PDF.)

1.	What kind of service is Netflix?
2.	When did Sesame Street start?
3.	How many seasons of Sesame Street have there been?
4.	What new things will the new season have?
5.	What will Big Bird and Count von Count continue to do to youngsters?
6.	For how long will Sesame Street continue to educate children?
7.	How much does it cost to watch Sesame Street?
8.	Who did a psychologist and TV producer want to teach?
9.	What basic thing does Sesame Street teach children?
10.	What does Sesame Street encourage, besides tolerance?

## Speaking – Sesame Street

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| • Big Bird        | • Kermit the Frog |
| • Cookie Monster  | • Miss Piggy      |
| • Count von Count | • Elmo            |
| • Abby Cadabby    | • Elmo            |

### Answers – True False

1 F	2 T	3 F	4 F	5 T	6 T	7 T	8 F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.