

FCC Worksheet

To complete this worksheet you will need access to the internet. Links are provided to help you find the answers.

<http://www.fcc.gov/> > About the FCC

1. In what year was the FCC established, and over whom does it have jurisdiction?

2. Which bureau regulates television broadcast stations?

3. Which office informs the news media of FCC decisions?

<http://www.fcc.gov/> > closed captioning > close captioning fact sheet

4. What does Closed Captioning do?

5. What are the benefits of Closed Captioning?

<http://www.fcc.gov/> > Obscenity/Indecency (it's on the left navigation bar - scroll down until you see it)

6. Congress has given the FCC the power to enforce the law in regards to obscene, indecent and profane content. Name 3 punishments they can inflict for those who break the law:

*<http://www.fcc.gov/> > *Obscenity/Indecency > Fact sheet**

7. How is profane language defined and during which hours of the day is profane speech prohibited?

8. What three criteria must material meet in order to be considered obscene and banned from television broadcasts (at any time)?

*<http://www.fcc.gov/> > *The Public and Broadcasting (it's on the left navigation bar - scroll down really far until you see it) Then scroll down looking on the left for the link to "News Distortion"**

9. Why does the FCC not usually intervene in cases of one-sided news reporting?

And now search for:

10. What are the time limits on commercials airing in children's programming?
