

# *How to write a radio ad*

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# Timing

- Be aware that the longest radio ad generally takes up only thirty seconds of air time. Make sure your ad, including sound effects, won't run over this timeframe.





# Target Audience

- Make sure you are clear what sort of people comprise your **target audience**. Is it men, women, young people, business people etc.?





# Why buy?

- ▶ Ask yourself what **benefits** your product or service could bring to the lives of your target audience.
- ▶ If you are not clear about this you are not likely to persuade your audience!





# Offer must end...

- You may wish to add a **sense of urgency** to your ad by suggesting there is limited stock or that this is a limited offer.



Hurry while  
stocks last



# Name, name, name

- Make sure you **name your company** and give sufficient details for your audience to know **where** they can buy your product or service and **how much** it will cost them.
- **Repeat** the name of your company and any other key features of your product or service several times so that your audience will remember it.





# Attention!

- If you can make your piece **humorous, startling or in some other way engaging**, then do so. Remember, you audience may well switch to another channel if they are not immediately interested in your ad.





# Sound Effects

- Use **sound effects** to your advantage. If you are selling holidays in a seaside resort, you might want the sound of waves lapping the shore, seagulls calling and so forth.

