

# TV411 on WPBS-TV

## Tuesdays at 12:30 on WPBS-TV

Even if your formal education has been limited, TV411 can help you develop your reading and job skills. This program also gives you a "leg up" on preparing for your GED.

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<b>December 4</b>	116	Question Man (Joey Kola) visits a rent-to-own store and figures out if it's better to rent or own a washing machine; on Sports Smarts, WNBA Utah Starzz player, Olympia Scott-Richardson, shows how she uses a day planner to manage her time and activities; on Street Beat, "NYPD Blue" Dennis Franz gives a tip on reading the newspaper; Laverne (Liz Torres) helps a customer estimate the cost of a painting job and how to figure out the take home pay; and on Words Behind the Music, singer/songwriter Toshi Reagon writes a song on the spot especially for TV411. Plus, a pop quiz about credit card debt, and Buzzword explains the word "analogy."
<b>11</b>	117	Lifelines shows a couple who are eager to buy their first home how to read a mortgage chart; Dictionary Cinema explains how to use a thesaurus, Question Man (Joey Kola) figures out how to understand the graphs and numbers on his utility bill, Street Beat gives a tip on evaluating written information; and Milestones profiles four Long Beach, California students who call themselves "The Freedom Writers," and use pen and paper to fight prejudice and intolerance. Plus, a pop quiz about volunteering, and Buzzword explains the word "anomaly."
<b>18</b>	118	Question Man (Joey Kola) learns that you don't need a college education to read a big city newspaper; ABC's Good Morning America news anchor Antonio Mora hosts a report on multiple intelligences on Straight to the Source; Street Beat gives a tip on finding government listings in the phone book; former Olympian and tennis pro, Zina Garrison, explains percentiles and ranking on Sports Smarts; and on Write Now with Jimmy Santiago Baca, the award-winning poet and TV411 contributor, shows a group of adults how to summarize a poem. Plus, a pop quiz about the US Census, and Buzzword explains the word "dynamics."
<b>25</b>	119	ABC's Good Morning America news anchor Antonio Mora hosts a report on different learning styles on Straight to the Source; Milestones profiles a Baltimore, Maryland based steel worker, John Deitsch, and his continuing quest to pass the G.E.D; Street Beat offers a tip on how to summarize almost anything; Laverne (Liz Torres) explains how to understand and use the unit price labels on store shelves; and on Write Now with Jimmy Santiago Baca, the award-winning poet and TV411 contributor shares his own personal learning journey and how he came "into language." Plus, a

		pop quiz about adults in college, and Buzzword explains the word "marginalized."
<b>January 1</b>	120	Laverne (Liz Torres) shows a customer how to understand probability and odds when it comes to reading a brochure on breast cancer; Dictionary Cinema explains how the same word can have different meanings; Milestones profiles North Carolina based author Elizabeth Daniels Squire and how she has written eight best-selling novels, despite the fact that she's dyslexic; Street Beat gives a tip on learning new words and how to remember them; and ABC's Good Morning America news anchor Antonio Mora hosts a report on dyslexia. Plus, a pop quiz about water and the human body, and Buzzword explains the word "genetics."
<b>8</b>	121	Sports Smarts features Olympic medalist Marian Jones running through the concept of rate; a new strand introduces two math-savvy Calculating Women who take charge of an overweight friend's calorie-counting; a Lifelines segment explores smart ways to manage multiple medications; Straight to the Source asks mind mentor Michael Gelb to demonstrate an innovative technique for improving memory; Michael Beech of TV's Third Watch offers tips for handling an emergency.
<b>15</b>	122	In the backseat of a stretch limo, Question Man (Joey Kola) gets financial advice from a millionaire; in Lifelines, an entrepreneurial teenage parent gets help starting up a small lollipop business as he pursues his GED; those math-savvy Calculating Women estimate and calculate their way to an affordable cell phone plan; Straight to the Source asks a federal con-buster to reveal the math behind money scams.
<b>22</b>	123	A Lifelines segment presents strategies for reading comprehension on the GED; a new strand, Math Behind the Arts, features TV chef Curtis Aikens explaining ratios and cooking; a Milestones portrait traces how one man left prison and low literacy behind; TV411's revamped Book Club finds out what happens when an entire Midwestern town reads the same novel.
<b>29</b>	124	Question Man figures out how to decipher legalese; a Milestones portrait shows how an out-of-work Appalachian coal miner succeeded in changing careers; TV411's math-minded Calculating Women explore strategies for building up retirement savings; Math Behind the Arts features a New York City artist who works with clay and the formula for area when she makes tiles for the subway.
<b>February 5</b>	125	Math mavens Calculating Women offer tips on how to avoid credit card debt; Milestones focuses on a New York man who, despite a reading disability, teaches others how to pass motor vehicle exams; Laverne (Liz Torres) dispenses sound advice about reading over-the-counter medicine labels and following prescriptions; on Sports Smarts, three well-traveled Harlem Globetrotters demonstrate how to read a world map.
<b>12</b>	126	A Milestones portrait traces an African immigrant's struggles as she learns to read and raise a family in America; Laverne helps a young parent find ways to childproof her home; on Lifelines, an African-American woman shows how she researches her family roots over the Internet and in the field; and for Book Club, hip-hop star Doug E. Fresh teaches parents and children how to rap and rhyme while they read.
<b>19</b>	127	Question Man tackles sentence fragments in a grammatically-correct dream; on Write Now, poet Jimmy Baca conducts a dynamic writing workshop with steelworkers; Laverne helps a co-worker create an outline for a GED essay on disciplining children; Straight to the Source takes us

		behind the scenes at the popular Bernie Mac show for a peek at a professional brainstorming session.
<b>26</b>	128	Newly-minted writer Kathi Wellington enlivens a Milestones segment with her vivid stories of being a female steelworker; Math Behind the Arts visits origami artist June Sakamoto for a lesson on basic geometry; a TV411 Special invites parents and children to interpret art and symbolism at a Philadelphia museum; On Words Behind the Poetry, Broadway performers from Russell Simmon's Def Poetry Jam demonstrate how writing poetry can be hot and cool.
<b>March 4</b>	129	Math Behind the Arts asks a professional drummer and dancers from the Broadway hit, "Forty-Second Street," to demonstrate fractions in action; on a TV411 Special, a female carpenter shows how math and measurement are critical to her work; Sports Smarts taps the expertise of Mets pitcher Al Leiter on the perimeter of a baseball diamond; Laverne explains the concept of percentages and multiple mark-downs to bargain-hunting patrons of the Big Store.
<b>11</b>	130	Question Man gets the scoop from a former reporter on how to read between the lines; Straight to the Source looks over the shoulder of political cartoonist Don Margolies as he practices the art of satire; a Sports Smarts segment shows how DC United soccer star Nick Rimando uses computers and the Net while he's on the road; Book Club visits a special class in New York where workers learn about the history of the Depression through Dorothea Lange's celebrated photographs.
<b>18</b>	101	Joey Kola) uses the thesaurus to find synonyms; slam poet and educator Stephen Colman illustrates synonyms and antonyms using slam poetry; Laverne (Liz Torres) helps a co-worker figure out the percentage of her pay taken out in taxes; job seekers create a dossier to help with their job hunt; and in "Milestones," Nashville's auto mechanic Dallas Farmer reveals his struggles and triumphs. Also Michael Franti of the Bay Area band Spearhead describes his songwriting techniques.
<b>25</b>	102	The Dallas Cowboys use football to figure out decimals and percentages, Agent Know How investigates the library and gets a library card, and New Mexico's famed poet Jimmy Santiago Baca tells how he discovered the power of language while he was in prison and also leads a group of El Paso adult learners in a seminar on the power of writing. Question Man asks "Where do you put the apostrophe?"
<b>April 1</b>	103	Job seekers prepare for filling out applications by creating a personal data sheet; singer/songwriter Phoebe Snow shares thoughts on her writing process and her music, and in "Lifelines," a parent learns how to document her child's illness and treatment by creating a medical bible documenting his medical history.
<b>8</b>	104	Kathy Bates reflects on books that have been made into movies; in "Milestones," a woman from Pittsburgh tells her story of learning and reaching her goal of being a travel agent, and TV411's "Book Club" reads Laura Esquivel's <i>Like Water for Chocolate</i> ; and actor Malik Yoba shares his secrets on how to keep a journal in the "Street Beat" segment.
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