



Activating Audio Description

Turning on audio description can be a little trickier than turning on closed captions.

A voiceover describing the visuals, including scene locations, action, body language and on-screen titles, and timed not to interfere with existing audio and dialogue is placed in the program's Second Audio Program (SAP) channel.

If a particular television program includes this information and the station sends it to your TV, then once the SAP is activated you will hear the alternate audio.

You Will Need:

- A tuner that can decode the SAP channel. This tuner may be part of your TV, VCR, or cable box.

Devices

Television Sets

The steps for activating SAP will vary depending on the brands and types of equipment used.

If you use an external box, such as a cable box or VCR/DVD, to control the channels, you will have to check the respective tuners. For exact information consult the user manual.

General Guidelines

- The TV must have stereo capabilities.
- **Television Set:** The SAP control may be located on your television set; labeled *SAP*, *Audio Select*, *B-Audio*, or *MTS*.
- **Remote:** Some remotes have a button on them labeled *MTS*, *SAP* or *Audio Select*. Press this button to cycle through the audio modes.
- **TV Menu:** Select the *Menu* button on your TV's remote -> *Audio Setup* (or a similar option) -> *SAP* or *MTS*.
- Older televisions may have a button inside the TV door.
- Once you've activated SAP, the TV will always broadcast the secondary audio channel when it is available.

Cable Boxes

The steps for activating SAP on your cable system will vary depending on the brands and types of equipment. Check with your cable company to find out how to access SAP in your area.

General Guidelines

- **Basic Cable:** Basic cable does not have SAP capability. Manage SAP through your TV.
- **Extended Cable:** If you have some form of extended cable and a remote for the cable box, you may be able to activate SAP from the cable box's menu:
 - * Go to *Audio Settings* -> *Spanish* or *SAP* or *MTS*

VCRs

General Guidelines.

- **VCR Menu:** Select the *Menu* button on your VCR's remote -> *Audio Setup* (or a similar option) -> *SAP* or *MTS*.
- If you record a show with SAP turned on, it will always be on when you view the program.
- If you record the show with SAP turned off, it will always be off.

DVD Players

General Guidelines.

- **DVD Player Menu:** If SAP exists as an option on the DVD player menu it will be located in: *Audio Setup* or *Preferences*.
- **DVD Program Menu:** Check the DVD's menu for any relevant option, such as *English with Audio Description*, *MTS*, *SAP*, *DVS*, or *DVI*.

DVRs

General Guidelines.

- **DVR Menu:** Select *Settings* -> *Audio* -> *Television Audio* (or *Alternate Audio*). Select *Secondary Audio Program* (SAP) if available.
- If a program does not include an audio track in the selected language, the DVR will record the default audio track for the broadcast.
- This change will only affect future recordings and live TV. It does not have any effect on previously-recorded programs.

Troubleshooting Common Description Programs

Be sure the program is providing audio description. The program's menu might identify the service as *DVS*®, *DVI*, or *SAP*.

Activating anything but SAP (such as Surround Sound) may deactivate SAP. Check the TV or DVR menu to make sure SAP is the active audio setting.

If there is anything between the television signal and the TV, such as a cable box, VCR, or DVD player, check to make sure that SAP is activated on all players.