What are teletext services?
Traditionally these are text-based news and information services broadcast alongside TV channels such as the BBC (Ceefax) and ITV/Channel 4 (teletext). On digital television, text services are broadcast as separate channels and Ceefax is replaced by BBCi.

Are teletext services available on digital TV?
Yes, teletext services are available on digital television. Some elements are the same as existing (analogue) services, and new or improved services have been added.

What are the benefits of digital teletext?
• You can still use a three-digit number to access pages and use the fastext (red, green, yellow and blue) buttons
• Digital TV brings capacity for dedicated teletext channels, selected in the same way as when you switch between BBC1, BBC2, ITV and so on. The teletext that appears will depend on the channel that is being watched
• Digital teletext is in full colour with pictures, photos, different sized fonts and clearer wording on screen. Quarter-screen video is available on some digital text channels, so you can continue to watch a programme while accessing teletext information
• You also have the ability to ‘scroll’ up and down pages to get full information (using up/down arrow keys on the remote control). There are also themed teletext channels that focus on particular subjects: e.g. Teletext Cars; Teletext Holidays
• TV channels theme their teletext services around the programmes, e.g:
  – Channel 4 teletext pages for horse racing are often more detailed, and linked to their Racing Line TV programming
– The BBCi service links digital text information directly to the BBC channel being viewed, accessed by the red button:
  – Children watching CBeebies can go straight to text pages with games, quizzes etc
  – BBC2 Wimbledon coverage can link to pages with match analysis
  – Cooking programmes like Saturday kitchen can take you straight to recipe pages

Subtitles
Most digital boxes and digital TVs have a dedicated ‘subtitle’ button for immediate access – no need to use page 888.
To turn on subtitles on SKY, press the ‘Help’ button on the remote control and use the left/right buttons, then press ‘select’ to turn it on.

Audio Description
Audio description is a service that can help people with sight problems to fully enjoy TV. It offers additional narration that describes all significant information such as body language, facial expressions, scenery, action, costumes and anything that is important to the convey the plot of the story. Viewers can also find it useful when moving between rooms to keep up to speed with the programme. Audio description is as important to people with sight problems as subtitles are for people with hearing problems.
To access audio description on Sky, a Help Scheme digital box, or on a Sony or Panasonic digital TV, refer to your instruction manual.

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