

Children's news (Copyright MTV-3 Finland)

Jasmin: Good morning, today's children's news focuses on environmental issues.

Tuomas: Hi.

Jasmin: What's the matter?

Tuomas: I represent the ozone layer which is invisible, tasteless and odourless but vital for all life on earth.

Jasmin: Shouldn't you then also be speechless?

Toumas: *grunt*. This is thanks to the powers of television and modern technology.

Jasmin: Now we will meet a real ozone molecule, Ozzy Ozone.

Jasmin: What is the ozone layer?

Pekka Pouta (meteorologist): The ozone layer is a thin layer which is situated over 10 kilometres above us.

Jasmin: What is harming it?

Pekka Pouta: Man. Man's release of harmful gases such as CFCs from old refrigerators and sprays which are produced by us on the ground and destroying the ozone layer.

Jasmin: Is the thinning of the ozone layer harmful?

Pekka Pouta: Yes, because the ozone layer protects us from the sun and its harmful UV rays.

Jasmin: How can we protect ourselves from harmful UV rays?

Pekka Pouta: By spending more time in the shade, using sunglasses, wearing clothes and sunscreen.

Jasmin: The United Nations developed Ozzy Ozone materials which can be seen this summer on all Finnair's charter flights (video) and next autumn, he will be meeting children in some schools (education pack).