

# Weather Forecaster Surprised by Touch Screen Map

## Vocabulary Match

- meteorologist •      startling •      serendipitous •      features •      catch on to •  
• very surprising      • attribute      • fortunate      • weatherman      • understand

## Article

Greg Dutra, a meteorologist with a TV station in Chicago, was delivering the morning forecast when he got a startling lesson in technology.

Just like any other day at work, Dutra was forecasting the weather when all of a sudden he touched the digital screen displaying the weather map behind him -- and it moved.

It was a rather serendipitous moment for the 15-year weather veteran.

"Oh, I moved the map ... I didn't know I could do that!" Dutra said while live on air. "This is a great day!" he added as he played with the map's features, zooming in and out.

"This wasn't in the training manual," Dutra jokingly said later on Twitter about the incident.

On Facebook, people commented, "Too funny!", "Hysterical!", "Hilarious!", "Priceless!"

Some viewers were glad to know they aren't alone trying to navigate new tech. "You made some seniors really happy today! It's not just them that hasn't caught on to new technology," one viewer commented.

## Quiz

1. What was Greg doing when he accidentally touched the digital screen?
2. What was he doing when he said, "This is a great day!"?

## Conversation

*Greg 1:* Our winds will change... Oh, I moved the map ... I didn't know I could do that! No way!

*News 1:* Are you serious? Did you just discover that? Ohhh... I gotta try it!

*Greg 1:* Can you believe that? Just touch it. You can go anywhere you want!

*Greg 2:* I've never touched it before... Oh my gosh! You can tilt it?! What's going on here?!

## Discussion

1. Do you watch the weather forecast on TV? How about an app? How often do you check? Why?
2. What kind of technology do you have difficulty with? What tech has made your life easier?
3. Is there any new technology that you would like to try?