

Lesson description

The topic of this lesson is news stories. You will:

- summarise a news story and then have a conversation about it
- focus on phrases for talking about the news
- focus on useful questions to use when talking to someone about the news
- practise using stress to make your meaning clearer.

Aim

Summarising a newspaper article in order to generate a conversation

Pronunciation

- sentence stress

Language

- phrases for summarising an article
- complex question formation

Main task

The task is for learners to present a summary of a newspaper article and use this to have a conversation about the topic.

Materials

Handout

PC1 – Cut-ups

PC2 – News stories

IWB

Suggested running order

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| 1 | Lead-in – speaking: news items | Handout |
| 2 | Reading – organise two summaries | Handout/Cut-ups |
| 3 | Language – features and phrases of a summary | Handout |
| 4 | Pronunciation – sentence stress | Handout/Cut-ups |
| 5 | Language – question-making | Handout |
| 6 | Main task – summarise a news item | Handout/News stories |
| 7 | Feedback | IWB |

Answers
Reading

	<u>Summary 1</u>		<u>Summary 2</u>
the hook	Hey, did you hear about George Clooney?	the hook	Have you seen the news today?
the summary	I read he'll be here for three months filming his new movie. His agent confirmed that George Clooney's new film is to be set and shot here.	the summary	The IMF stated that the slow-down in the global economy will continue. The report warned of more unemployment.
speaker's thoughts	Great,	speaker's thoughts	It's quite worrying,
looking for a response	isn't it?	looking for a response	don't you think?

Language

The hook	The summary	Speaker's view	Invitation to respond
Hey, did you hear about...	I read... ___confirmed...	Great	isn't it?
Have you seen the news today?	___stated... ___warned...	It's quite worrying	don't you think?
Other ideas: Did you hear the news?	Other ideas: said heard suggested mentioned discussed etc.	Other ideas: bizarre interesting typical etc.	Other ideas: How do you feel about it?
Guess what I read about in the paper today etc.			Where do you come down on ____

Pronunciation

Hey, did you hear about the new Apple product?

I read it will be wearable technology. I heard the screen will bend and it will sync with all your other devices.

Don't you think it sounds amazing?