

Comparison Activities

A Nose for News

Language: Any

Level: Intermediate and Advance

This unit is most effectively done:

- Obtain a video tape of a newscast in the target language
- Show students a newscast in the target language
- Have students complete the graphic organizer
- Then show them a newscast in English, and fill out the other half of the organizer.
- Fill out the same form on the overhead projector based on your students' observations.
- Divide students into groups, and assign a brief news broadcast in the target language
- Use elements from the target language side of the organizer.
- Share the elements with the rest of the group.

(This activity can be done using a Venn diagram too)

News Broadcast Form

Topic	Target Language Broadcast	English Language
<p>Basics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many presenters? • Male or female? • Did they name their name/s? • Setting: furniture, background 		
<p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did they greet the viewers? • Which form of you was used, If any? • Other opening remarks: 		
<p>First Story:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic • Verb tense/s used: • Visuals? 		
<p>How many</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News items • People profile stories? 		
<p>Weather:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of weather segments in broadcast: beginning? Middle? end? 		
<p>Sports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of sports reported on: • Location/s of sports segments in broadcast 		
<p>Ending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final topic discussed • Closing comments 		

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<p data-bbox="131 296 440 342"><u>Introduction:</u></p> <ul data-bbox="180 352 591 1499" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="180 352 591 527">• How did they greet the viewers? <li data-bbox="180 842 591 1016">• Which form of you was used, If any? <li data-bbox="180 1388 591 1499">• Other opening remarks		

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<p data-bbox="131 352 399 407"><u>First Story:</u></p> <ul data-bbox="180 415 488 1255" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="180 415 350 470">• Topic <li data-bbox="180 779 488 890">• Verb tense/s used: <li data-bbox="180 1205 407 1255">• Visuals?		

Weather:

- Location of weather segments in broadcast: beginning? Middle? End?

- What similarities to ours?

- Differences

Topic

Target Language Broadcast

English Language

