

# The Newsflash Nineties

# Breaking

# News

## Setting the Scene

This activity takes the form of a news report. Set the classroom up like a newsroom and a living room in a house where everyone is waiting for the news to start.

## What to Do

Position your learners as if they are watching the TV.

Ask one or two of your learners to be newsreaders.

Set up a webcam and focus on the learners who are newsreaders.

If possible, project the footage of your learners reading the news onto the interactive whiteboard or large screen.

Play an audio clip from the 1990s. Search online for examples. You can find archive audio clips at [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

Record the script from **Resource 6: Nineties News Report** onto a switch communication device. As you play each item to the class, give your learners the relevant sensory cues listed in the resource. Allow each learner time to become aware and respond.

## Areas of Learning

### Primary

Personal Development and Mutual Understanding  
The World Around Us  
Mathematics and Numeracy

### Post-Primary

Personal Development  
Science and Technology  
Mathematics

## Cross-Curricular Skill

Using ICT

## What You Need



### Resource 6: Nineties News Report

- Webcam connected to a computer or a tablet (with a camera) that will display on a large-screen interactive whiteboard
- Papers (for shuffling)
- Microphone
- Communicator or recordable button
- Internet access
- Bean-filled soft toys
- Selection of grunge music (search for 'grunge' on My School – *Audio Networks* or online)
- Water spray
- Water, chains, ropes and small bits of wood in a bowl
- Collection of black and white images, materials, etc.
- Simple high contrast app to stimulate sight, engagement and tracking, for example the B&W High Contrast App by Fisher-Price