

## **Nineties News Report**

(Use a switch communication device to record the script below for learners to play back.)

### **Sensory Activities**

Use the local news audio clip from *Audio Networks* (available through C2k) to introduce this lesson. Shuffle papers on the table and give your learners some papers to shuffle.

### **Script**

Good morning/afternoon

You are listening to the (*time*) o'clock news brought to you live from class (*name*)

### **Sensory Activities**

Place a microphone in front of each learner. Encourage each learner to press the button on a communication device to play an appropriate pre-recorded news message.

### **Script**

This is (*learner's name*) and I am (*staff name*)

We'll begin with a story for our younger viewers. There is a range of cute and cuddly toys available in the shops. Some of them are filled with small, hard beans that are nice to feel, squeeze and hold. We've been told there are lots to collect and they are on sale now.

### **Sensory Activities**

Give your learners a range of bean-filled soft toys. Encourage them to take turns to experience holding, feeling, looking at and reacting to the toys. Talk about their colours and characteristics.

To encourage your learners to experience the beans in the toys, give them a bowl of barley to explore.

### **Script**

(Now over to our United States reporter (*learner's name*) live from Seattle, Washington.

The world wide web has been created. This is a new and exciting way to find information through your computer. The world will be at your fingertips 24/7. You can find information about animals, countries and your favourite music bands.

### **Sensory Activities**

Search online for the sound of 'dial-up internet'.

Play Gadget Lover from *Audio Networks* and provide keyboards for your learners to experience pressing the keys or feeling the keys with their hands.

### **Script**

Staying in Seattle, we are going to speak to our entertainment correspondent about the latest craze in music.

Good morning/afternoon from Seattle, I am here live in the hometown of the band called Nirvana. Nirvana is the biggest band on the grunge circuit, not only in America but also across the world. Their unique sound is making waves across the music industry.

#### **Sensory Activities**

Play a grunge song from the nineties (for example search for Trucker on Audio Networks). As this plays, give each learner a selection of drums and cymbals to experiment with and explore.

### **Script**

Staying with our entertainment theme, we're going over to our UK correspondent (*learner's name*).

Hello from Leicester Square, London. Box office figures have just been released and we can tell you that *Titanic*, the film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, is the most successful film ever made. The tale of the huge passenger liner, which set sail from Belfast and sank in the Atlantic ocean, has captivated audiences across the world.

#### **Sensory Activities**

Give your learners a bowl of water and allow them to feel and explore it. Gently spray some water onto each learner from a distance as you talk about the spray from the waves. Search online for 'real footage of the Titanic shipwreck' and play this on a large screen in a darkened room as your learners explore the chains, rope and small pieces of wood in a bowl of water. (If possible, you could visit Titanic Belfast for a new experience.)

### **Script**

Just before the weather report, we have our weekly fashion update from our own fashionista (*learner's name*).

1990s styles are changing. Gone are the bright colours of the eighties. Top fashion houses are saying we are moving towards a more minimalist look with lots of black and neutral colours. Let's have a look at some of the latest trends.

#### **Sensory Activities**

Prepare a tactile book of black and white images and materials. Encourage each learner to explore the book. Use a very simple high contrast app to stimulate sight, engagement and tracking. For example, the B&W High Contrast App by Fisher-Price is good for younger learners or search online for black and white patterns and save these onto your tablet to run as a slideshow.