

DELTA Teaching Tip

Bringing characters and stories alive

Level: B1 or B2

Duration: 40 minutes

Format: in pairs and group

Transform your students into journalists by getting them to create news articles or short news video clips based on the characters and plot of the graded readers they're studying. This engaging 40-minute activity combines reading comprehension with creative writing and presentation skills:

Characters (3 minutes): In pairs, ask students to choose a character they think is interesting from the book they are reading.

Character Interviews (10 minutes): Ask each pair to conduct interviews with that character. They should think about questions a journalist might ask and how the character might respond.

Article or Video Preparation (15 minutes): Instruct the students to write a news article or script for a news video clip. The piece should focus on a significant event or development in the book, using the character interviews as sources of information. Remind them to follow a news format with a headline, lead, and body.

Editing and Rehearsal (8 minutes): Allow students to edit their articles or video scripts. Encourage them to practice delivering their news pieces with a news reader's tone and style if they're creating videos.

Presentation (4 minutes each): Have students present their news articles or video clips to the class. This can be done in pairs or individually. They should summarise the book's event and the character's perspective in a news-like format.

Discussion (5 minutes): After each presentation, facilitate a short discussion where students can ask questions or provide feedback to the presenters.