



Access English Centre
Immigrant Centre Manitoba
High Beginner Level: Warm-up Activity



News Clip
15 minutes

Objective/Goal:

This warm-up activity gives participants the opportunity to share stories about their home countries.

Materials:

Participants need:

- news article (copy for each student) or display from the projector of a news clip

Facilitator needs:

- whiteboard
- whiteboard markers
- computer (with internet access)
- projector
- screen

Procedure:

Before the Activity:

- 1) **Find** a newspaper article that would be of interest to the group. **Make** enough copies for the participants or project it on the screen.
- 2) **Write** the following W-question words: **Who?, Where?, When?, Why?, What?, and How?** on the whiteboard.
- 3) **Have** the class **seated** in a circle.

Activity Instructions:

- 4) **Show** a news article.
- 5) **Call on** students to read different paragraphs.
- 6) **Check** for comprehension and define new words.
- 7) **Have** students **answer** the "WH" questions on the board.
- 8) **Have** all participants **share** their opinion about the article or **talk** about a similar or related experience.
- 9) **Encourage** the class to ask for details so that all the "WH" questions are answered.



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Extension Activities:

- *Extension Activities are alternative or extra activities that can be done to supplement the main activity when there is extra time. They can also be done in the next class as a review of previous vocabulary or conversation.*
- A.** Participants **can pose** questions to the whole group after sharing the article.
- B. Have** participants **bring** their own news article and share with the whole group. Everyone **takes** turns answering the WH-prompts.
- C.** This activity **can be done** at the beginning or end of each class as a routine. New Clips can be of topics of participants' interests or **can be related** to subject matter of previous activity plans.(good review)