

Activity: One-Minute Audio Summary

Objective: To strengthen listening comprehension, summarization, and note-taking skills by condensing a news article into a one-minute spoken summary.

Materials:

- A selected news article
- Audio recording device or app
- Timer
- <u>Handout (optional)</u>

Introduction (5 minutes):

Explain the value of being able to listen to and summarize information quickly. This skill is especially helpful for auditory learners and when processing news on the go.

Activity Steps (15 minutes):

- 1. Have each student read the selected article.
- 2. Students record themselves giving a summary of the article in 60 seconds.
- 3. In pairs, students listen to each other's recordings and write down the three most important points they heard.
- 4. Compare their notes with the original article to check for accuracy.

Discussion (10 minutes):

Invite volunteers to share their summaries and the differences between what was spoken and what was heard. Discuss strategies for clear communication and attentive listening.

Conclusion (5 minutes):

Reinforce how summarizing improves comprehension and retention. Encourage students to practice this skill with various types of news content.