

Communicative worksheet

Weird news

Task type

Making a podcast

Preparation

You will need one copy of the worksheet for each group of three or four students.

1 Lead in by writing *Weird News* on the board. Ask students if they enjoy reading weird news stories, and if they know any weird news that they can share with the class.

2 Divide the class into groups of three or four. Hand out one worksheet to each group. Ask students to look at the three weird news stories and talk about them in groups. In feedback, elicit briefly what each news story might be about.

3 Hand out the student cards. Students follow the instructions on the cards and prepare a podcast to tell the news story they choose. Set a time limit (fifteen minutes) and monitor and help students with ideas and vocabulary.

Extra activity

Revise hedging language (*Life Advanced Student's Book* page 100), or prompt students to remember and use the language when preparing their podcast.

4 When students have prepared their podcast, tell them to practise presenting it. Ask a few groups to present their podcast to the class.

Extra activity

Before preparing their podcasts, ask students to think up and draw one extra picture to go with the story they choose. For example, they could draw a picture of the alien returning for the glass ball or a sighting of the large humanoid by the explorers. Tell students to include this picture when making their podcast.