



News Role-Play

Title: *Mastering Arabic 2*

Unit number: 10

Topic: News

Aim: To talk about current affairs

Materials:

- Role-play cards (one per student).

Role-play in pairs is an effective way of getting all the students in a class talking, as well as being an integral part of many public examinations. Familiarise the students with the format of the cards, so that they can concentrate on perfecting their role.

Step 1

- ✓ Complete pages 154–159 of *Mastering Arabic 2* and the related exercises. This will help the students prepare for the role-play.
- ✓ Print out the attached role-play cards.

Step 2

- ✓ Divide the students into pairs.
- ✓ Give each pair a set of A and B role-play cards.
- ✓ Establish that they are going to play the role of one of the friends, based on what they have been studying in *Mastering Arabic 2*.

Step 3

- ✓ Give the students five minutes to study their cards, and think about what they might say. They can ask you questions at this point and check their chosen headline.

Step 4

- ✓ Each pair practises the role-play.
- ✓ Move around the pairs listening and making suggestions if necessary.
- ✓ Ask the students to switch roles when they have completed the conversation.

Step 5

- ✓ Choose a couple of pairs to perform their role-plays in front of the class.

Step 6

- ✓ Students write out the conversation for homework.

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CARD A

You are reading the news headlines. A friend approaches.

- Greet your friend.
- _____
- Reply that you are reading the news headlines.
- _____
- *Read a couple of headlines to your friend.*
- _____
- Say there's a news summary at 6 o'clock – it's live.
- _____

CARD B

Your friend is reading something. You approach.

- _____
- Return the greeting and ask what your friend is reading.
- _____
- Ask if there are any interesting headlines.
- _____
- Express surprise at this news.
- _____
- Say, let's watch it on your mobile phone.