

Broadcasting (BRO): Breaking News

Directions: you have 2 minutes to read and take notes (you may take notes on this copy; each competitor will receive a clean copy). You then have to read the script as if “breaking news” from a prompter in a 2-minute timeframe.

Remember:

- *Have a sign-on/sign-off with a call sign. Consider transitions and commentary.*
- *Besides your sign-on/sign-off, please read ALL of the document. Please do not cut or edit the Breaking News material—read all of the material. There is about 90 seconds of performance material available.*
- *Your performance target time is 2 minutes.*
- *You will be evaluated on pacing, clarity, pronunciation of the performance, as well as transitions in and out of the broadcast.*

[START] (Insert Sign-On)

→ We interrupt your regularly scheduled broadcast with breaking news from _____.

Writing goes here. Do not exceed 300 words (aim for 200-250 words). Copy exactly from the AP news story (should be a national or international news story), but cut down to fit word count. Avoid quotes when possible. Have no more than 3 hard words to pronounce (e.g. verbs, a person’s name, city/location).

(Insert Sign-Off) [STOP]