Watching the News – for Body Language

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Please find a 5 - 10 minute news video on the Internet in your best language. For this exercise, be sure to find a video in which a news announcer is sitting in the studio presenting the news.

You are going to watch the video with the sound "muted" or the volume turned all the way down. As you watch, focus on the speaker's face (especially on his or her mouth) and on the speaker's hand and body movements.

Video (non-English):   Source:
                                        Topic:
                                        Captions or descriptions:

Next, find another 5 - 10 minute news video on the Internet. This time, however, select one that is in English. As before, watch it with the volume as low as possible or on the "mute" setting. While you watch, again pay close attention to the person's mouth, face, hands, and gestures.

Video (English):   Source:
                                        Topic:
                                        Captions or descriptions:

Here are a few places to search for news videos: **CNN.com/video/**, **BBC.co.uk/news/video_and_audio/**, and **hulu.com**.

Watch both videos again. Compare and contrast the two news announcers (the person speaking your best language and the person speaking English).

Which announcer had their mouth open wide more often?
What did you notice about the person's face or hands?
Did you notice any other similarities? Any other differences?

What conclusions could you make?

How was this activity for you? If it gave you any other ideas about TV news announcers, tell your partner.