

Lesson Ideas

1. News Broadcasts

Teacher Instructions

- Hand out the following cards in groups.
- **Brief for children:** Pretend that the 1916 Rising is happening in the present day. News cameras are able to film what is happening. It is headline news on every channel. Use the following scripts as a stimulus for a news report.

Hello and welcome to the six o' clock News. My name is _____. Tonight, Dublin is under siege, as rebels have taken over many buildings around the city. Panic has set about amongst the people of our country. We now cross live to _____ at Sackville Street, who is speaking with an eyewitness at the scene.

It is Tuesday, April 25th. My name is _____. Yesterday, Irish rebels occupied many buildings around the city. Stationing their headquarters at the GPO on Sackville Street. Groups have declared the immediate establishment of an Irish Republic. A proclamation of independence was read by commander-in-chief Pádraig Pearse yesterday. _____ has the report.

Welcome to the six o' clock News. My name is _____. It is Tuesday, April 25th. British Army reinforcements have cordoned off the city of Dublin, as Irish rebels continue to take over. At St. Stephen's, Green rebels have been forced to flee, and looting has become widespread across the city. With a report of the day's events, we cross live to _____.

We apologise for the interruption. This is an emergency news bulletin. My name is _____ and it is Thursday 27th April. The British military are now in control of the city. The cordon around the GPO has been tightened. James Connolly has been shot. _____ has the report.

Welcome to the six o' clock News. We are reporting live from the GPO, where the roof has just collapsed and the remainder of the building is in flames. Rebels have evacuated and Sackville Street is in chaos. James Connolly's injuries are worsening. (notices passer-by) 'Excuse me ma'am/sir, can you tell us what you've seen?'

Good evening. It is Sunday 30th April. The Easter Rising is over. My name is _____ and welcome to the evening news. Yesterday, the Irish rebels who have fought so hard over the past days, admitted defeat and surrendered their weapons. With a special report of the week's events, we cross now to _____.