

Speak Like a Native - Homework Guide

Need some extra ideas for homework tasks or homework reflection?

You can try the following!

1. Question Game – Take turns asking one another questions about the article.

Some examples include:

What have you learned from this article?

What would you do if you were in this situation?

Is this issue the same in your country/culture?

How would you do things differently?

Will this continue to be a problem in the future?

2. Role Play -

Ask the student to take a specific role to discuss the article. Consider recording the short dialogue and then evaluating together, suggesting ways to improve.

Some roles could include:

An employee of a company,

A reporter,

An audience member

A teacher/professor

A school/university student

3. Grammar/Punctuation Challenge -

While reading the article, ask the student to select the verbs, nouns, adjectives, or adverbs in the article. Discuss swapping these terms for others; consider the effect. You can alternatively ask them to highlight certain punctuation for further review; such as apostrophes, parenthesis, quotation marks, and speech marks.

4. Summary Writing -

Ask the student to write a short 100-150 word summary of the article, to help record facts, key information, and main ideas from the text.

5. Summary/Response Task -

Students can also write a short response, where they can add their opinion, thoughts, feelings, and ideas towards the article, for example a letter to the editor. This might include suggestions, recommendations, or predictions for the future.

6. Investigating Tone -

Choose 2-3 sentences from the article, and ask the student to change each from active to passive or visa versa. Discuss how this change shifts the tone of the article.