

## Clip: Swan Lake

### Episode 6: Perfection

#### Activity: The Plot

#### Theme: Dance knowledge

In episode 6, *Perfection*, Tara discovers that Kat's mother is the National Ballet's principal dancer. Tara is invited backstage with Kat and watches *Swan Lake* from the wings.

1. As a class, view the clip, *Swan Lake*, and discuss the history of the Swan Lake ballet and its narrative.
2. Ask the students to recount the story of Swan Lake in the present tense in the style of a news broadcast (i.e. "This just in, Prince Siegfried has announced he will go hunting today at Kinglake. Just spotted a flock of birds over Kinglake mysteriously disappear. Over to our reporter on the ground.").
3. Provide students with time to prepare and rehearse their own broadcast. They can use **Student Activity Sheet E6.1: News Broadcast** as a guide.
4. Ask students to perform their broadcast to the class and, if possible, use a digital camera to film the students' broadcasts. Encourage students to use various filmmaking techniques and to be creative with perspective, camera angles, and lighting to improve the communication of their broadcast.
5. If students have access to digital editing software they can elaborate and construct a complete presentation with Title page, Headline music or Captions and End credits.
6. The class can individually or collectively complete **Student Activity Sheet: E6.1 News Broadcast**.

#### Download

- Student Activity Sheet E6.1: News Broadcast
- Dance\_Academy\_Series\_1\_Episode 6\_still#5
- Dance\_Academy\_Series\_1\_Episode 6\_still#6

### Useful resources

- [The story and history of Swan lake](#)
- [The Australian Ballet, Podcast by Graeme Murphy about Swan Lake](#)
- [The Australian Ballet, Swan lake, Photo Gallery](#)



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## News Broadcast

**STEP 1:** Use the following to help you write a script for a news bulletin based on the events of Swan Lake. The first step is to think of three different possible events for the bulletin:

Event 1:

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Event 2:

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Event 3:

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**STEP 2:** Highlight your most preferred event to use in your news report. Based on this event, fill out the following section.

Name the characters involved:

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Describe the event in as much detail as possible:

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What could you use as an update to this event?

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**STEP 3:** You can also modernise your news event through some slight changes. You can even make it more relevant to where you live. For example, change the names of Swan Lake Characters to the names of your friends, family or school teachers and the locations to places such as sports grounds, shops or houses. Try changing details slightly in the following section:

Name the new characters involved:

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Describe the new event:

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What could you use as a new update to this event:

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**STEP 4:** So now you have all the information to include in your news broadcast. All you need is an introduction and a sign off.

To write your bulletin you will need some sort of introduction. Add two of your own to the list

News just in...

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In breaking news...

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Highlight your favourite introduction.



You will also need a way to sign off, or finish your news broadcast. Add two more to this list too, then highlight your favourite again

Thanks for listening, I'm...

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Stay tuned for more updates...

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To complete your news item, on a separate piece of paper start by writing out your highlighted introduction, followed by the information gathered in STEP 3. Try to make the bulletin flow as much as possible. Finish your news with your preferred sign off.