

Sample TV News Report Script

TAKE V/O

LIFE HAS NOT BEEN EASY RECENTLY FOR YUKI NAKAMURA. THE NINETEEN YEAR OLD FROM SAPPORO IS A FIRST YEAR STUDENT AT AOYAMA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY AND IS LIVING ON HER OWN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

TAKE SOT

Yuki Nakamura SOT

(On adjusting to university life)

RUNS: 14 sec

OUT Q: "Not easy."

"I do everything by myself these days. Cooking my own meals, washing my clothes. Even going to the bank for the first time in my life. Not easy!"

MOVING FROM HOKKAIDO TO THE BIG CITY OF TOKYO HAS ALSO BEEN AN ADJUSTMENT FOR NAKAMURA. THE SHEER NUMBER OF PEOPLE WAS OVERWHELMING FOR HER, AND THE PACKED TRAINS HAVE BEEN QUITE AN ADJUSTMENT.

TAKE SOT

Yuki Nakamura SOT

(On packed trains)

RUNS: 12 sec

OUT Q: "Handling it."

"I've never seen anything like the trains here in Tokyo. The ones in Sapporo can get a little busy in the morning, but nothing like this. I am still having trouble handling it."

TAKE V/O

NAKAMURA IS ONE OF ABOUT 10,000 AOGAKU STUDENTS WHO COME FROM TOWNS AND CITIES OUTSIDE OF TOKYO. SURPRISINGLY, THERE ARE NO COUNSELING OR STUDENT SERVICES AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS TO HELP THEM ADJUST. NAKAMURA SAYS HELP WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

TAKE SOT

Yuki Nakamura SOT

(On needing support)

RUNS: 08 sec

OUT Q: "Would be helpful."

"If they could provide an office and support staff to help students manage things, that would be great. Even advice on where to shop, eat and do laundry would be helpful."

ON CAMERA

FORTUNATELY, NAKAMURA HAS FOUND SOME FRIENDLY ROOMATES IN HER DORM WHO KNOW TOKYO BETTER. THEY HELP HER WITH HER DAILY TASKS. BUT BETTER SUPPORT FOR NON-TOKYO RESIDENTS COULD MAKE LIFE FOR STUDENTS LIKE HER EASIER AT THIS UNIVERSITY.

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Television Reporting Terminology

The following terms are part of the television reporting lexicon. Please learn this vocabulary, as it will be used with our television reporting assignment.

Terminology for the journalist:

ON CAMERA: Narration read live by news anchors to introduce a news report.

V/O: Voice-over, or recorded narration done by the journalist on their report.

SOT: Sound on tape. Sound from interview clips in a news report.

RUNS: Length of each sound on tape (SOT) clip.

OUTQ: Out cue. The final words in a sound on tape (SOT) clip.

Terminology for the videographers and editors:

Full frame: On screen close up of subject's face and shoulders.

Two shot: Wide shot of the subject and the interviewer together.

Cutaways: Shots inserted to provide variety from the main subject.

B-Roll: All other video used to cover the interview.

Voice track: Sound of the narrator's recorded voice.