

Fox 61 Student News Format Examples

Here are a few examples of how a 50 second Student News story can be put together. This is just to give you an idea of the elements of a story and how you can put them together and so they add up to 50 seconds. The segment times will vary just make sure that they add up to 50 seconds of actual story so it will fit in our broadcast schedule. Pad does not count toward the 50 seconds. If you add 2 seconds to one section, then you need to take away 2 seconds from another section. Here are a few versions.

SOT - "sound on track" referring to your interview sound bite.

VO - "voiceover" referring the reporter's voice telling the story over video

B-roll – video footage

Nat SOT – natural sound. Background sound or isolated sound to support story such as nail being pounded, car starting, or basketball being dribbled.

Stand Up – reporter on camera closing or bridging the story

Pad – video before and after actual story with no VO, SOT or stand up. Used in post production.

Example #1

:00-:05 video pad/nat SOT
:05-:15 VO with B-roll (10)
:15-:25 SOT (interview)
:25-:35 VO (voiceover) with B-roll (10)
:35-:45 SOT (10)
:45-:55 stand up close (reporter wrap up)
:55-60 reporter still and silent for video pad (5)

Example #2

:00-:05 video pad/nat SOT
:05-:12 VO w/ B-roll
:12-:22 SOT (10)
:22-:30 VO w/ B-roll (8)
:30-:37 SOT (7)
:37-:42 VO w/ B-roll (5)
:42-:47 SOT (5)
:47-:55 stand up close (8)
:55-:60 stand up close silent

Example #3

:00-:05 video pad/nat SOT
:05-:15 VO w/ B-roll (10)
:15-:25 SOT (10)
:25-:35 stand up Bridge (10)
:35-:42 SOT (10)
:55-:60 video pad/ nat SOT