

## What Was THAT? A News Literacy Game

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*For recitation after the News Neighborhoods lecture.*

*Before playing the game, give a quick review of the Information Neighborhoods, with particular emphasis on V.I.A. (In News Literacy, we aren't overly focused on anything but the search for reliable information.)*

*Supplies Needed:*

- *Powerpoint projector*
- *Powerpoint slideshow (a template is in this folder)*
- *One Taxonomy chart per team*

*Here's how the game works:*

*1) The room is split into teams.*

*2) The teams will have printed copies of a doctored taxonomy chart. Across on the sheet will be each of the categories, and down the left side will be the example numbers. In 45 minutes, you'll have time for about a half-dozen good examples.*

*3) Show an example. Then give teams have 60 seconds to come to a consensus, prepare their team spokesperson to articulate the reasons (from the taxonomy) for the label they chose AND dash to the front of the room to mark the team's chart, which should not be visible to the other teams. Each time, do a de-brief, clarifying misconceptions, of which there will be plenty.*

*4) Repeat.*

*5) The hardest part of this game is collecting example and achieving clarity beforehand as to where the examples go on the grid. It's not important that the examples be fresh, so over time we'll develop a good standard list of both stark and fuzzy examples.*

*6) Winning teams (those whose chart has the most correct answers) can be awarded points or bragging rights, or be asked to answer the other students questions about categories they still don't understand.*

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Your Team Name or Mascot \_\_\_\_\_

Example	Journalism	Entertainment	Advertising	Publicity	Propaganda	Raw Information
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
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