





It's News To Me!
Nonfiction Fun

Part 3: News-team Assemble!



**Who
remembers
last time we
met?!**

Why Does the MOON Change Shape?

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Essential Question

How do you explain what you see in the sky?


Read about the different phases of the moon.

Go Digital!

Last week each group was designated different chapter from the Why Does The Moon Change Shape story in your books. I then had you cast each other in various news team roles.

The head news anchor

Now let's go to our reporter who's talking with a scientist about the moon.



I'm here with a scientist to see if the moon is made out of cheese.

The reporter

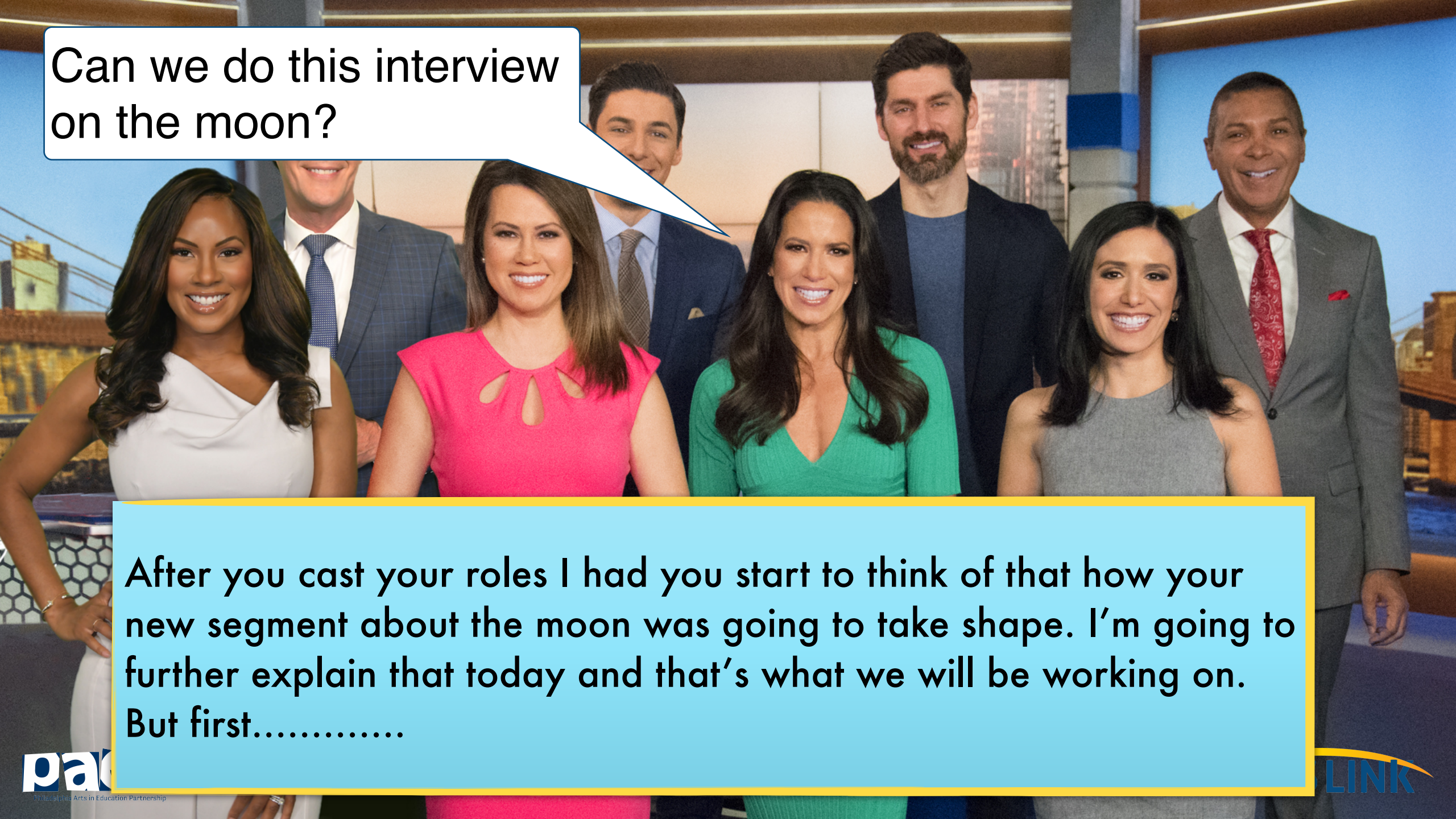
No, the moon
is not made
out of cheese.

The person being interviewed.

Boom!

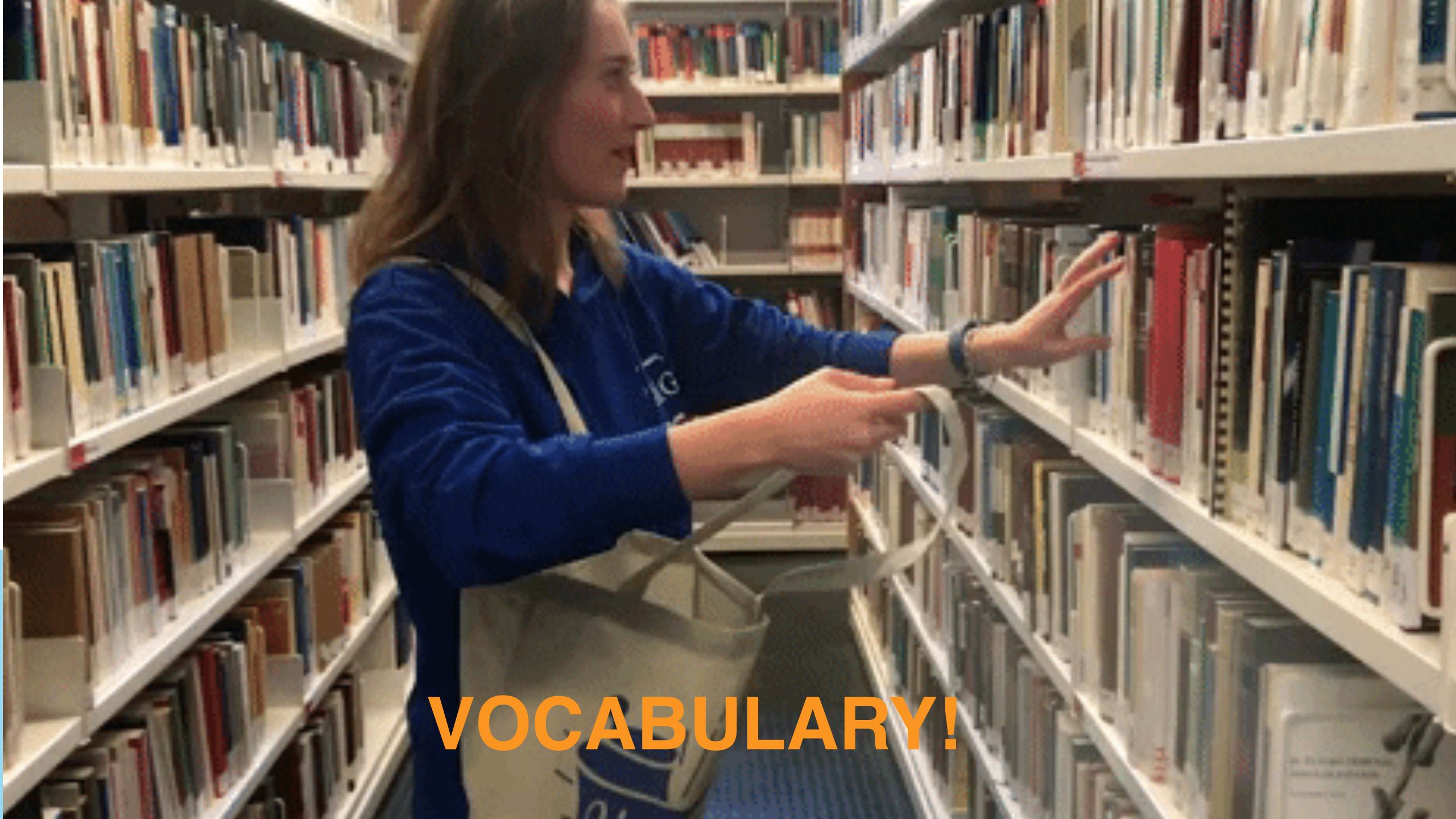
Fizz!

And the sound effects artists



Can we do this interview
on the moon?

After you cast your roles I had you start to think of that how your new segment about the moon was going to take shape. I'm going to further explain that today and that's what we will be working on. But first.....



VOCABULARY!

ON AIR

A radio broadcast studio with a glowing 'ON AIR' sign, a microphone, and a light bulb.

We learned a few weeks ago that “dead air” meant that there was no sound happening on the radio. Well, “On air” is a sign you would see meaning everyone has to be quiet because the show has started.


Today I want you to focus on writing what you're going to say next week. Everyone should have some paper and a pen ready.



Everyone who is playing the news anchor should start with a welcome to the listeners and give the call letters of the radio station. We can use WDMS. (WDrums) Then you introduce yourself and tell us that the topic will be about the moon. From there you can introduce the reporter.

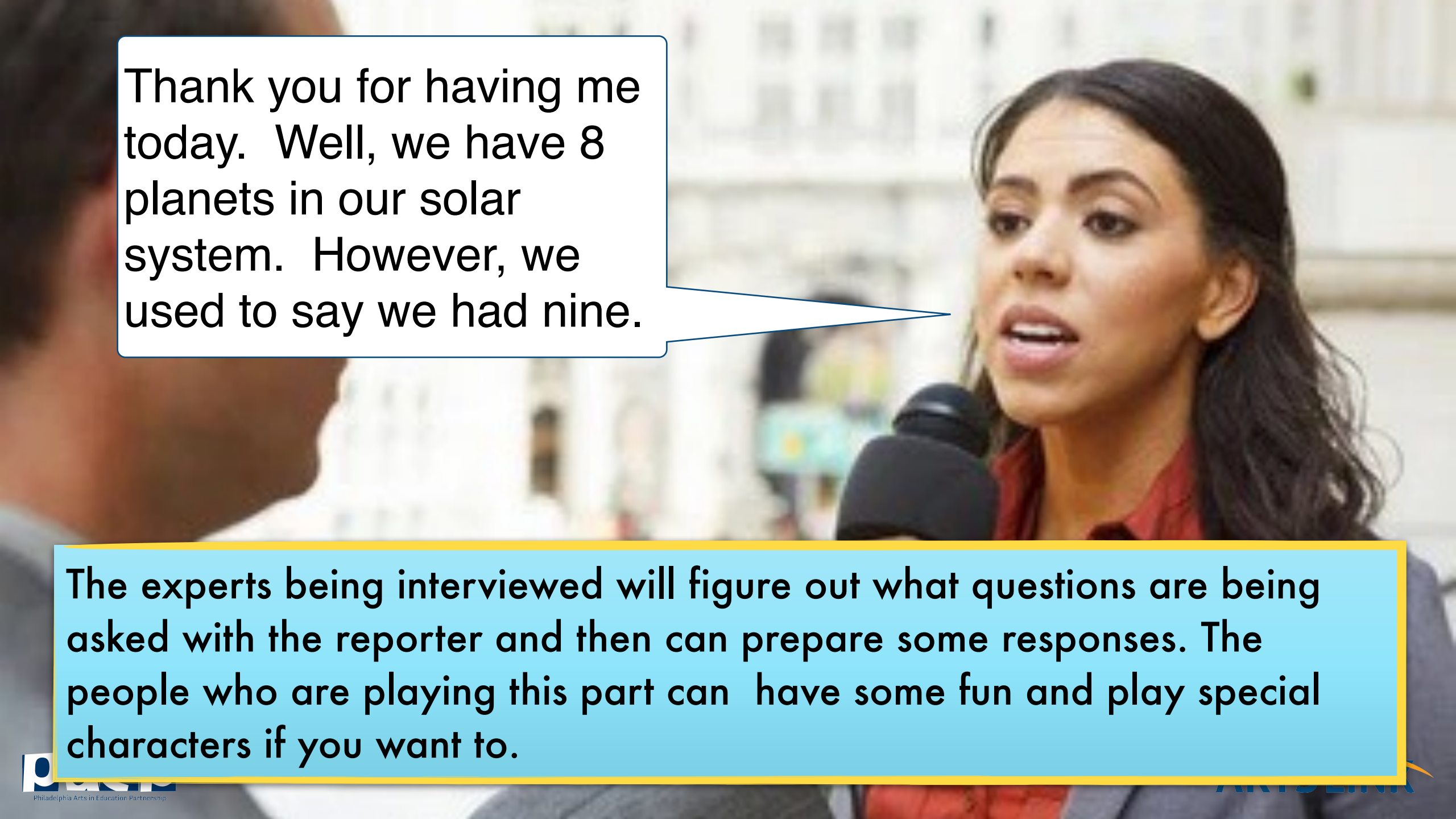
Good evening listeners. Welcome back to WDMS. I'm Mr. M. Today we have a special report on how the planets work. We go now to Mrs. Martz who is on location at Wilkes University.





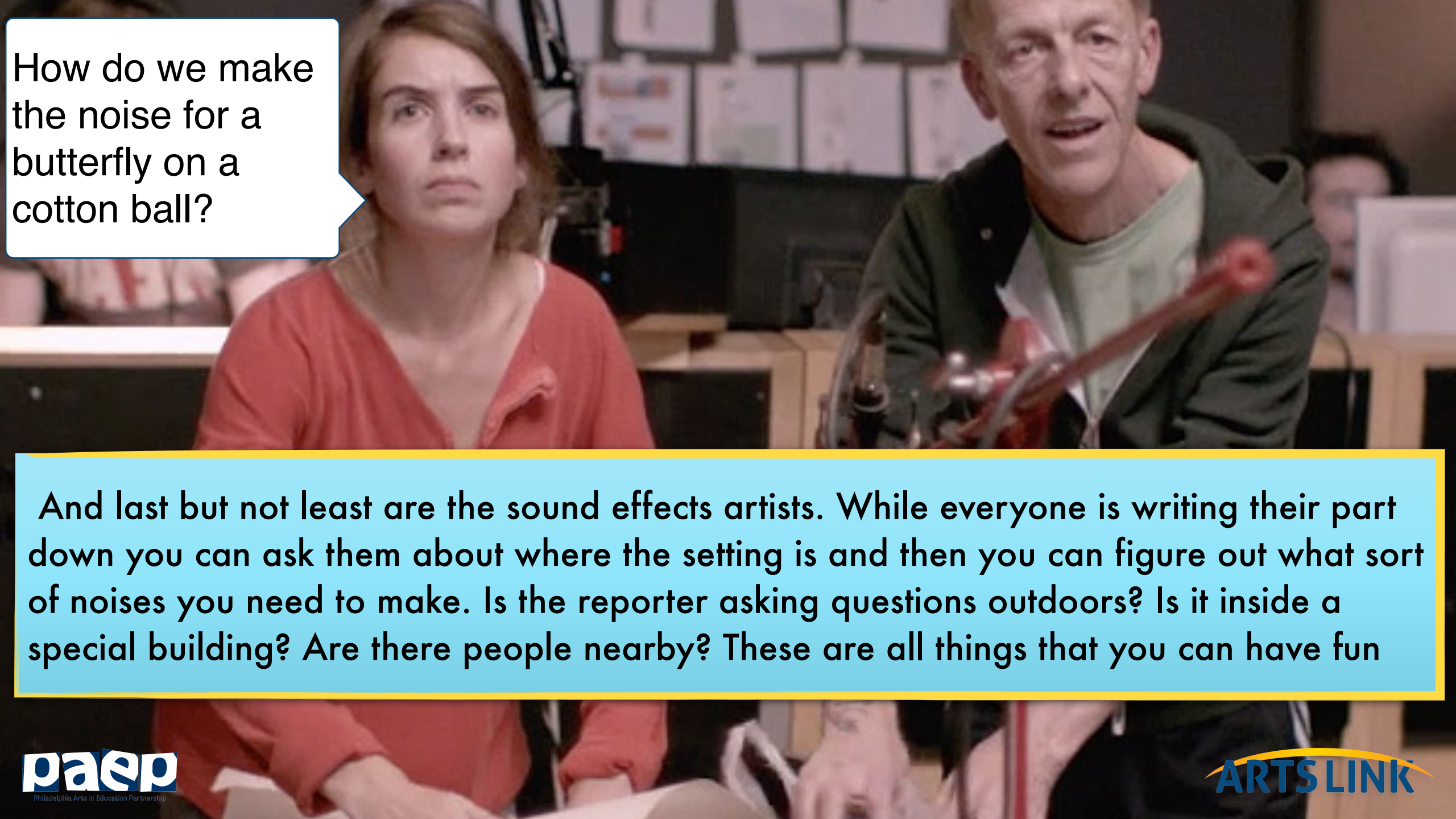
Thank you Mr. M. I'm here at Wilkes University talking to the head of the astronomy department. How many planets do we have in our solar system?

The reporter will speak next. You start by thanking the anchor and then explaining what the subject is you are talking about. You then may introduce your special guest who is an expert on the subject. Prepare a question to ask them. You and the person playing the expert can decide what questions you ask.

A woman with long dark hair is speaking into a microphone. She is wearing a red top. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with buildings.

Thank you for having me today. Well, we have 8 planets in our solar system. However, we used to say we had nine.

The experts being interviewed will figure out what questions are being asked with the reporter and then can prepare some responses. The people who are playing this part can have some fun and play special characters if you want to.



How do we make the noise for a butterfly on a cotton ball?

And last but not least are the sound effects artists. While everyone is writing their part down you can ask them about where the setting is and then you can figure out what sort of noises you need to make. Is the reporter asking questions outdoors? Is it inside a special building? Are there people nearby? These are all things that you can have fun

- So today I want you to write down what you were going to say in your news report. I just gave you a starting points that you were encouraged to write more.
- I would like at least three questions to ask the expert. You have plenty of information in your chapters to pick from.
 - The anchors can also add more and even ask their own question if they want to.