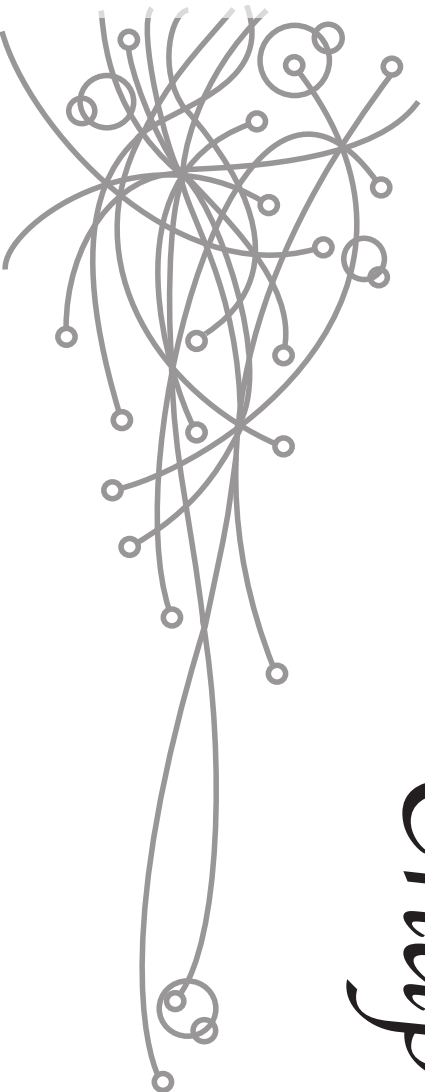


# Chapter Twenty

## Current Events



You may find it useful to read about recent world events ([www.cnn.com/WORLD/](http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/) or [www.cnn.com/espanol/](http://www.cnn.com/espanol/)) before class.

# 20.1

*Most Recent News*

## Helpful Subtopics

presidential elections, Gaza Strip, genocide, legalization of immigrants, war

### What can I say about me?

One issue that is covered a lot in the news is ...  
I heard in the news that...  
I found out recently in the newspaper that ...

### Questions to ask my partner

Tell me about something that has come out in the news recently in your community or country.

## Vocabulary

# years/months/days ago • according to  
due to • matter • catastrophe • to mourn  
tragedy • event  
to happen

What's going on in your partner's country/city? Find a news article covering a recent event in your partner's country/city that interests you. Write four to five sentences (in Spanish) summarizing what you read and prepare some questions to ask your exchange partner about the issue.

*Recent News*

**20.2**

## Helpful Subtopics

Presidential elections, legalizing undocumented immigrations, violence in society,

### What can I say about me?

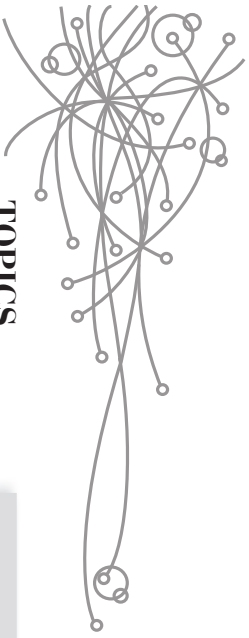
I believe that....  
I think that In my opinion...  
This is a controversial topic.  
I do not agree with.... because....

### Questions to ask my partner

What is your viewpoint about \_\_\_?  
What do you think about ...?  
Please, tell me more about ...

## Vocabulary

war • strike • to protest  
to be current/up to date • to discuss/argue  
controversial • earthquake  
North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)  
shooting



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## Journal Entry

### TOPICS

- ✓ Use the past tense to discuss a recent news story you described to your partner. Include specific details.
- ✓ How does your news and your partner's news vary in content. Do you see any cultural trends in the way news is received?
- ✓ Write seven sentences about how people receive their news in your culture and your partner's culture. Mention examples about significant news sources from both. Describe cultural implications.

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Two things I did well in this conversation

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Vocabulary

Two things I would like to work on for my next conversation

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