

Podcasts—Elementary

Let's discuss

A Read the text and answer the questions.

- Ask students to read the text and discuss the questions in pairs. Then discuss as a class.

What is a podcast? Extra information

The word podcast comes from the terms 'iPod'™ and 'broadcast'.

A podcast is an audio recording made available on the internet. You can listen to a podcast on an MP3 player, a smartphone or directly from your computer.

Podcasts have changed the way people listen to programmes. The radio used to be the means of broadcasting listening programmes. With radio, you used to have to listen to programmes at a specific time but now, with podcasts, you can take them with you anywhere and listen to them whenever you like.

This means you can subscribe to podcast websites and 'episodes' can be downloaded and listened to on your device. Or, if you prefer, you can listen to podcasts on your computer without the need to download them.

There are thousands of podcasts being made by people all over the world and you don't have to be a professional broadcaster to make one. Podcasts can talk about absolutely anything and can be shared online with anyone who is interested in listening.

Key

- 1 *The podcast is about daily routines during the school week.*
 - 2 *Susan speaks first. Pol speaks next.*
 - 3 *They are giving factual information about their daily habits / getting ready for school.*
 - 4 *get up / have a shower / get dressed / have breakfast/lunch/dinner / go to school / do your homework / meet friends / watch TV / do sport / tidy your room / go to bed*
- Go online and type keywords to find websites for making podcasts. Show students how to find safe sites.
 - Ask students what they would include in their podcast. Ask some of the students to say an example sentence out loud for their podcast.

Let's do it!

- This can be completed in class or as homework.
- Ask students to make a podcast. They can do this individually or in small groups. Ask students to choose one of the topics from the list on the worksheet.
- Once you have all the links to the podcasts, use one lesson to listen to them all as a class. Students can vote on their favourites and choose the best three.

Let's analyse

A Look at the collaborative podcast. Answer the questions in groups.

- Ask students to look at the example of an online collaborative podcast and discuss the questions in groups of three or four. Elicit some answers and discuss as a class.