



10 Ideas for Using Podcasts in the Classroom



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EMAIL THE CREATOR



Students individually or in groups write an email to the creator of the podcast to thank them and explain what they have learned.

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PRE LISTENING VOCABULARY



Choose some [tier 2](#) vocabulary to pre teach to the class before listening. Actively engaging with vocabulary is important for vocabulary growth.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS



Prepare comprehension and reflection questions for the students to complete after listening. [History Detective](#) comes with questions in the show notes.

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STIMULATE DISCUSSION



Use a short podcast extract to stimulate discussion in class. Students can work in pairs, groups or share ideas with the whole class.

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HOLD A DEBATE



After listening assign the students a debate topic and give them time to research and prepare their side of the debate topic.

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WRITE THE SHOW NOTES



Every podcast episode comes with show notes, students summarise the content into an interesting paragraph that makes people want to listen.

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DESIGN EPISODE ART



Before listening tell students that they are to design show art or find images that could go with the episode, so they can jot down ideas while listening.

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CREATE YOUR OWN PODCAST



Create a show structure scaffold and give students a range of topics they choose from to write a podcast episode.

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WRITE A REVIEW



Give students a marking criteria, and judge a podcast on categories like, sound quality, engagement, structure, educational value, entertainment etc. They can suggest how to improve the podcast.

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QUIZ TIME



Before listening, tell students they are going to create a quiz for someone else in the class. They can test each other and then listen again to check answers.

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