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Our Agenda

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- What are Podcast Circles?
- Why Podcasts?
- How can you set up your own Podcast Circle?
- What are some suggestions for podcasts your students will love?



Podcast Circles

ENHANCING STUDENTS'
LISTENING AND SPEAKING SKILLS.

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What are Podcast Circles?

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A podcast circle works like a literature circle but instead of discussing a book, students listen to a podcast and then come to class to discuss it.



Over to you!

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Are your students struggling with listening and speaking skills in your classes? What specific challenges do they have?

Write your ideas in the chatbox.



Why Podcasts?

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- Relevance
- Authentic Listening Practice
- Independent learning
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Active Listening



Set up your own Podcast Circle!

1 - Podcast pick and play!

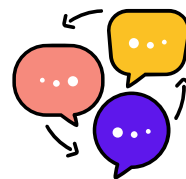
Select a podcast that aligns with your learners' interests, curriculum goals, or the current unit topic.



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4- Podcast Voices - Time for discussion!

First, the facilitator invites three speakers to present their podcast summaries, and then, the debate begins. The facilitator reads the questions provided by the teacher and ensures that each speaker has an opportunity to contribute.




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2 - Take notes

Have students listen to the podcast episode and make some general notes, such as a summary or the main takeaways.

NOTES

LISTENING AND SPEAKING 
PODCAST CIRCLES INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

LISTEN TO THIS EPISODE FROM 6-MINUTE ENGLISH AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

Should we fear chatbots?
Podcast Summary

What did you learn from the podcast? How can you connect it to your own personal life?

SPEAKING TASK - DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS IN OUR PODCAST CIRCLE.

- Why should we be careful about trusting everything a chatbot says?
- What are some dangers or challenges that could arise if people start thinking all decisions are human-like or perfect?
- Do you think chatbots could ever replace real human interaction? Why or why not?
- What do you think about using chatbots to do things like writing essays or completing homework? Is it a help or why not?

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5 - Reflections

The facilitator asks each speaker to share their reflections on what they learned from the podcast and how it connects to their experiences or interests. Each reflection should last 30 seconds / 1 minute.



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3 - Circle up! Students' Roles

- Facilitator
- Note-Taker
- Timekeeper
- Speakers



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See my students in action discussing some questions based on a podcast episode from BBC English.

Should we fear chatbots?



Podcast Suggestions

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Short Podcasts: They help students focus on comprehension without feeling overwhelmed by length, allowing them to incorporate language in a more focused and engaging way.

Introduce students to podcasts with this clip



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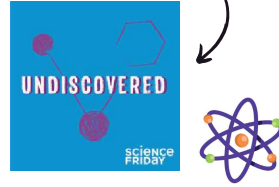
Six-Minute English



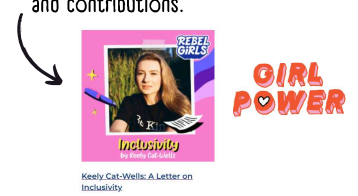
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Perfect For students who are curious about science and how research shapes our understanding of the world.



Girl Power tells the stories of inspiring women from different parts of the globe, showcasing their achievements, struggles, and contributions.



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Voice of America

Astronomy Group Joins Effort to Establish Time Zone on the Moon



Six-Minute Stories



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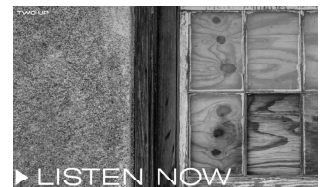
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This American Life often features a mix of interviews and personal stories told in a conversational tone. This provides students with exposure to real-life language, and natural speech patterns.



What Happened to the People of Limetown is a Fictional, mystery-driven podcast series that tells the story of a journalist and her quest to uncover the truth about the disappearance of over 300 people from a mysterious town called Limetown.



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Boost Critical Thinking Skills and

Encourage debates!

At a B1+, B2 level of English, students are starting to express more complex ideas, making Smash Boom Best an ideal tool for developing the skills needed to articulate opinions and construct logical arguments.



Follow-up Activities

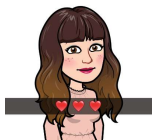
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- ✓ Podcast Review
- ✓ Create Visual Summaries
- ✓ Podcast Creation
- ✓ Presentations
- ✓ Projects
- ✓ Podcast Transcript Analysis

Scan the Code!

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Read the code and
get a Summary of
this Presentation!



Exit ticket!

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What's the most
valuable insight you've
gained today?



Thank you!



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