



PODCASTS IN THE CLASSROOM

Advice from Teachers

In summer 2026, we surveyed 559 teachers nationwide about their podcast use in the classroom in Grades 3-6. This is what they shared.



PODCASTS ARE PART OF THE CLASSROOM



60%

of teachers use podcasts in the classroom.



82%

listen together as a whole class.

WHEN TEACHERS PRESS PLAY

- ☒ lesson time
- ☒ free choice
- ☒ indoor recess

TEACHERS CHOOSE PODCASTS THAT FIT THEIR TEACHING.

What motivates teachers to press play?



TEACHERS SEE LISTENING AS ACTIVE LEARNING.

What skills do teachers hope students will gain?



PODCASTS FIT ACROSS THE CURRICULUM.

What subjects do teachers use podcasts in?



TEACHERS' ADVICE TO GET STARTED



START SHORT

Try listening for 5 min. Pause to talk, reflect, discuss, draw, or respond.



MAKE IT ACTIVE

Ask open-ended questions and pair listening with an activity.



MAKE IT ROUTINE

Build podcast listening into the classroom schedule.

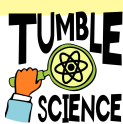


JUST TRY IT

Pick something relevant and engaging, and just press play.

"My best advice is to preview episodes carefully to match them with your current lesson topics, then pause frequently to ask students open-ended questions and let them share their observations."

— Teacher



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