

## Podcasting in Adult Ed

definition from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A podcast is a series of [audio](#) or [video digital-media](#) files which is distributed over the [Internet](#) by [syndicated download](#), through [Web feeds](#), to [portable media players](#) and [personal computers](#). Though the same content may also be made available by direct download or [streaming](#), a podcast is distinguished from other digital-media formats by its ability to be syndicated, subscribed to, and downloaded [automatically](#) when new content is added.

Like the term [broadcast](#), podcast can refer either to the series of content itself or to the method by which it is syndicated; the latter is also called podcasting. The [host](#) or [author](#) of a podcast is often called a podcaster.

The term is a [portmanteau](#) of the words "iPod" and "broadcast", the [Apple iPod](#) being the brand of portable media player for which the first podcasting [scripts](#) were developed (see [history of podcasting](#)). Such scripts allow podcasts to be automatically transferred from a personal computer to a mobile device after they are downloaded. As more devices other than iPods became able to synchronize with podcast feeds, the term was redefined by some parties as a [backronym](#) for "Personal On Demand broadCASTING".

## Examples

<http://webtwopointohinadulted.wikispaces.com/Podcasts>

### **ESL**

Teachers record an audio exercise for learners to practice listening. Very often they are coupled with exercises on paper (Word documents that can be downloaded) or electronically (Web sites for creating quizzes).

Some uses:

- Writing home addresses (beginning)
- Job search skills (advanced)

Learners record their thoughts and reflections about a topic covered in class.

### **Citizenship**

Teachers and learners record the 100 questions for the Citizenship Interview and audio for dictation practice.

### **ABE in collaboration with CTE**

Medical terminology teacher records medical terms for an ABE/CTE learner to practice.



## How it's done?

Record an audio file on your computer and upload into a hosting Web site

Record directly on the Web site with their built-in recorder

Record an audio file with your phone

## Where to host podcasting?

Free:

<http://www.podomatic.com>

<http://www.gcast.com>

Fee:

<http://www.libsyn.com>

Phone in only:

<http://gabcast.com>



## Now you try it...

1. **Think about** what you say in your message
  - a. Introduce yourself
  - b. Tell us about your favorite restaurant
  - c. Have a closing sentence
  
2. **Call 1.888.887.3127**
  - ◆ Follow the prompts
  - ◆ Channel number is 2158#
  - ◆ Password is 123#
  - ◆ Press 1 to record your podcast
  - ◆ Record your message
  - ◆ Press # when you are finished
  - ◆ Press 2 to publish your message
  
3. Then go to **<http://www.gabcast.com>**
  - ◆ Type in 2158 in Search episodes box
  - ◆ Click on TIMAC logo+ description
  - ◆ Listen to your messages – they will start after Episode #12

