

## PODCAST AS A TOOL FOR TEACHING ENGLISH

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*This article discusses the concepts given by foreign scientists to the concept of «podcast» and discusses the advantages and possibilities of this method. Recommendations are given for the use of the podcast in English lessons. Podcast-contributes to the development of students' listening, speaking skills, the ability to work in groups and individually. The effective use of the podcasting method in teaching English increases students' interest and motivation in the English subject.*

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Nowadays, students quickly get bored of classes conducted in the traditional way of learning. In the era of digital technology development, it is important to consider new teaching methods so that learning is effective and interesting. To improve the quality of students' knowledge, it is now becoming more common to learn through the integration of podcast programs. The podcasting method in teaching today is one of the strategies used by teachers to achieve the best student outcomes. The podcasting method in education includes various podcast programs and episodes, which involve students in the learning process and are one of the effective teaching methods that increase motivation. The podcast program is currently used in various fields. In particular, learning in the educational system by integrating the podcasting method into the educational process is one of the modern methods.

The word «Podcast» is a combination of the two words «iPod» (a brand of portable media player) and «broadcast» (radio and television broadcasting; broadcasting). A podcast is an audio or video recording that anyone can make and that can be listened to and watched on the world Wide Web. Unlike television or radio, a podcast allows you to listen to audio information and watch, listen to video information not only live, but also at any time convenient for the user. The Internet offers a variety of podcasts on medicine, education, foreign language proficiency, and general topics. You can find original podcasts prepared for native speakers (for example, BBC news) and those they use for education (for educational purposes). Podcasts,

such as regular radio and television channels, are offered by online magazines, institutions, universities, training centers, and workplaces [3].

The ability to choose the right podcast program will contribute to the development of the student's ability to speak English. Also, allows you to improve the quality of education and use modern technologies in English lessons. From the point of view of teaching English, the podcasting method includes extensive use of files in lessons and during extracurricular hours. Podcasts come in different formats and types:

Audio podcasts are recordings that can only be listened to. This often includes a monologue, dialogue, or short stories (news, scientific research, short stories, interviews) in English. Audio podcasts allow you to listen to information and focus only on it.

Video podcasts (video casts) are episodes that can be watched and listened to simultaneously. These can be short video lectures, interviews, reports, student projects. The video materials will help you visually master the series and make the presentation visual [1].

Author's podcasts are created especially for students from professional speakers or teachers. Most often, these are training programs with grammatical explanations, lexical topics, or exercises (for example, podcasts on the BBC, etc.).

Autistic podcasts are programs for native speakers (news, interviews, audiobooks, popular science issues). Their content goes beyond the school curriculum, but using real podcasts allows students to immerse themselves in a real language environment.

Educational podcasts are notes created for the purpose of teaching a foreign language. Unlike real messages, they are created with the needs of students in mind. Educational podcasts can be prepared by both native speakers and students themselves [2].

Recommendations for using the podcast when teaching English:

1. Define the specific purpose of the podcast for teaching English: decide which skills you want to develop in students—grammar, vocabulary, speech skills, listening or writing.

2. Choice of tools: the use of additional or materials appropriate to the level of students.

3. Integration of podcast episodes into the learning process: inclusion of game tasks in the curriculum.

4. Encouraging progress: Informing students about their progress and adding points and a praise system to receive praise.

5. Results analysis: monitoring student performance, determining the benefits of a podcast program

The participants of the pedagogical experiment were 20 students of the 8th grade (8th «A» and

8th «B»). The experiment took 4 months. The students were divided into an experimental group (10 students from 8th «A» grade) and a control group (10 students from 8th «B» grade). The lesson for the experimental group took place through the insertion of a special podcast program. During the classes, we used BBC English, ESL Pod, Luke's English, Effortless English, Breaking news English podcast. The main goal was to develop students' speech skills through a podcast program. During the lesson, students listened to an episode of a podcast, and after each podcast, they were given exercises and assignments relevant to the topic. In order to assess the level of educational achievements of the experimental and control group, a control work was carried out based on the standards of the CEFR program at the beginning and end of the experiment. To sum up, the podcast program is an indispensable way to help students solve their learning difficulties. Podcast program the use of English in teaching increases the level of academic achievement of students. At the same time, the use of the podcast program, adapting to the age of its students, contributes to solving the difficulties encountered in teaching.

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## ПОДКАСТ КАК ИНСТРУМЕНТ ДЛЯ ОБУЧЕНИЯ АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ

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*В данной статье рассматриваются концепции, которые дают зарубежные ученые понятию «подкаст», а также рассматриваются преимущества и возможности этого метода. Даются рекомендации по использованию подкаста на уроках английского языка. Подкастинг – способствует развитию у учащихся навыков аудирования, разговорной речи, умения работать в группах и индивидуально. Эффективное использование метода подкастинга при обучении английскому языку повышает интерес и мотивацию учащихся к предмету английский.*

**Ключевые слова:** подкаст, разговорная речь, навыки аудирования, преподавание английского языка.