

Podcasting and Language Learning

Simon Zuberek





OneMinute
Icelandic

What is a podcast?

What is a language podcast?

What is it comprised of?

What are its defining didactic characteristics?

Podcasts and SLA

- Constructivism = Students engage in active construction of knowledge through:
 - Exploration of the authentic material
 - Observation of the supplied input (morpho-syntax, phonetics, pragmatics, cultural content, etc.)
 - Processing and Interpretation of input
- Authentic Context (Socio-Cultural Theory)
 - Authenticity
 - Cultural Relevance
 - Personal Meaning
- Interactionist Approaches (Krashen)
 - Comprehensible Input (leading to intake and guiding acquisition)

Why podcasts?

- 64% of Americans have heard of podcasts.
- Almost half of Americans have listened to podcasts. 12 million in last year alone.
- A quarter of Americans listen to podcasts every month (Only about 20% of Americans are Catholic).
- One-third of Americans aged 25-54 listen to podcasts monthly.
- 6 million more Americans listen to podcasts weekly this year than last year (that's over twice as many as those who watch Sunday night football).
- Almost half of all podcasts are listened to at home...
- ...usually on smart speakers, now inhabiting every fifth American house. Smart speaker ownership grew by almost 160% over the last year.
- Two-thirds of all podcasts are consumed on mobile devices.

Research?



Podcasts



Listen on
Google Podcasts



How do I make
one?