USING PODCASTS IN L2 INSTRUCTION

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Introduction & Goals

- Provide some resources for listening to and recording podcasts.

- Present 2 activities teachers can use to incorporate podcasts into their curriculum:

  - Extensive Listening Projects
  - Student-Produced Podcasts

What is a podcast?

- Podcasts are audio or video programs on the Web that can be listened to on a computer or downloaded to an mp3 player or iPod.

- Podcasts are different from traditional audio or radio programs in that they contain a Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed, which allows users to subscribe to their favorite podcasts so that new episodes are downloaded automatically to their listening devices.

Extensive Listening Projects Using Podcasts

- Choosing Podcasts & Learner Training
  - Comprehensibility & lexical coverage
  - Length
  - How to locate transcripts and other resources
  - Learner interest

- Curriculum Integration
  - Podcast Journals
  - Podcast Clubs
  - Class Podcast Directory

Extensive Listening Projects Using Podcasts

- Suggested Format for Podcast Journal Entry

    a. **Name of the podcast**: _____

    b. **Duration:** _____ minutes per episode

    c. **Frequency:** *Daily? Weekly?*

    d. **Language:** *English? Bilingual?*

    e. **Category:** *Education? Music? News? Others?*

    f. **Difficulty:** *Easy? Medium? Challenging?*

    g. **This week's podcasting experience** (50-200 words):

Student-Produced Podcasts

- Producing podcasts is easier than ever
  - Pod-o-Matic
  - Hipcast
  - DJ Pod

- Examples
  - http://055fall2015.podomatic.com/
  - http://nystesolpodcast.podomatic.com/

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