

25 BBC Podcasts for High-level English learners

The BBC has a fantastic collection of podcasts.

- Some of them are produced for an international audience so you can hear interviews with non-native speakers of English. These are usually found on the BBC World Service channel.
- Other podcasts are produced for a UK audience. These are ideal for those of you living in the UK or who want to live in the UK. Listening to British English speakers will make understanding English which is spoken in the UK easier. These are produced by BBC Radio 4 or Radio 5.

Here is a list of podcasts which may be useful for higher-level English learners.

BBC World Service

- 6 minute English. Learn new phrases about a variety of topics. (6 minutes)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/6min>
- The English We Speak. Short podcasts about real English phrases or items of slang. (3 minutes) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/tae>
- The Why Factor. Learn the extraordinary truth about everyday actions. (18 minutes) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/whyfacto>
- Click. All about the latest digital technology. (30 minutes)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/digitalp>
- Forum. Great for practising short presentations and EAP students. Global thinkers present new political, cultural and scientific ideas. (7-8 minutes).
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/forum60sec>
- Global News. Best stories from around the world. (30 minutes)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/globalnews>
- Discovery. Analysis of latest ideas and discoveries in science (25 minutes)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/discovery>

- Health Check. Good for medical professionals. (25 minutes)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/healthc>

BBC RADIO 4

- Analysis. This podcast examines policies and ideas. (30 minutes)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/analysi>
- Desert Island Discs. Interviews with famous and successful people about their lives and favourite music. (35 minutes)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/did>
- A Point of View. Short reflections on topical issues (9 minutes)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/pov>
- Front Row Daily. Interviews with writers, artists, musicians, actors and directors. (30 minutes) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/frontrow>
- Profile. Biographies of people making the news. (14minutes)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/profile>
- The Listening Project. Interviews with real people in the UK. Great for listening to different British accents and learning about British culture (14 minutes) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/bbclp>
- The Moral Maze. Live debates about controversial topics. Great for developing your arguing skills so perfect for aspiring lawyers and politicians. (30 minutes) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/moralmaze>
- Great Lives. Biographies of famous people. (27 minutes)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/greatlives>
- Word of Mouth. All about the English language. (28 minutes)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/wom>

RADIO 5 LIVE

- Mark Kermode and Simon Mayo's Film Review. Entertaining film show with interviews with famous actors and directors. (90 minutes)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/kermode>

- 5 Live Football Daily. For football fans. (15-60minutes)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/5lfd>

PODCASTS FOR BUSINESS ENGLISH LEARNERS

BBC World Service

- English at Work. Office-based about life in an office. Suitable for Intermediate learners. (7 minutes)
- More or Less: Behind the Stats (10 minutes)
- Business Daily. Great for Business English learners. Learn about global finance and the corporate world. (18 minutes)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/eaw>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/moreorless>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/bizdaily>

RADIO 4

- The Bottom Line with Evan Davies. Business Discussion programme. There is a UK edition and an International edition. Challenging for high-level Business English students.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/bottomline>

- Tim Harford. Pop-up Economics. Entertaining Economics show. (14 minutes) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/thpop>

BBC RADIO 5

- Wake up to Money. Business and Financial news. (24 minutes)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/money>

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