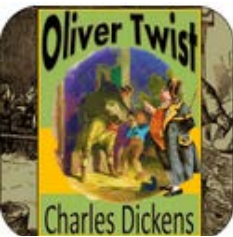
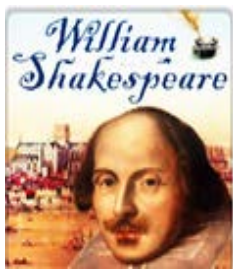


Mobile Audiobooks, Literature & Listening Comprehension in EFL



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Introduction

- College **students** spend a great deal of time listening to and/or **watching videos** on their mobiles.
- Thousands of **audiobooks** in a variety of **subjects** are readily available as mobile apps.
- Audiobooks are available in many **languages**, for all **ages**.
- They are available in different forms: **Audio** only, **audio & text**, **video** (audio, motion pictures and music).
- Professional **narrators**.

Aims of Presentation

- To give **examples** of mobile audiobooks.
- To give **advantages** of using audiobooks.
- To show how to **search for** & **select** audiobooks.
- **Instructional stages** with audiobooks.
- **Listening** comprehension and **literary appreciation** skills that can be developed with audiobooks
- **Effect** of audiobooks on **learning** & **attitudes**
- Give **recommendations**

Why Use Audiobooks?

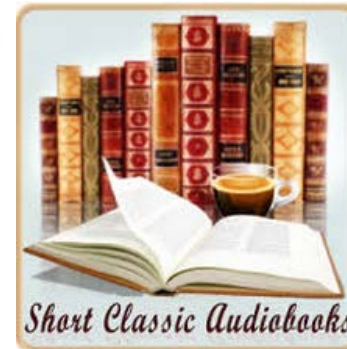
- Audiobooks can be used as **extension activities** or as a supplement to in-class instruction in ESL/EFL.
- They are **free**.
- **Easy** & **quick** to download & uninstall.
- Can be used **anywhere, anytime** & **re-played** many times.
- American or British **accent**.
- Can choose between: **Audio only** – **audio & text** – audio & **motion pictures** & music.
- **Narrator** reads with intonation & good expression
- Students can listen to the novel **chapters one** at a time.

Criteria for Selecting Audiobooks

- Use **one book** at a time.
- Audiobook should match students' **proficiency** level, **familiarity** with topic, students' **interests**.
- **Length & difficulty** level of audiobook
- **Speed** of the narrator.
- **Mode of practice** needed: Audio only - Audio & text - Audio & video.
- Look at **user ratings** and comments.
- **Listen** to audiobook **before assigning** it to students.

Examples of Audiobooks libraries

- Audiobook Search App
- Children's audiobooks
- Disney audiobooks (You Tube videos)
- Ossys audiobooks
- Short classic audiobooks
- English Audiobooks – Librivox (audio & text)
- Audiobooks (2,800 classics audiobooks)



Free Audiobooks Search



English Audio Books - Librivox

Instructional Phases

Pre-listening:

- **Introduce** the audiobook to be used.
- Tell the students **how to download** it.
- Give **pre-questions** that help the students focus on the **story elements**: theme, setting, plot, characters, style & tone ...etc.
- Post questions in an online **discussion forum**, blog or Facebook Page.
- Set a **time limit** or deadline for completing a task (1-2 weeks).

Listening Comprehension & Literary Appreciation Questions

- To identify the theme of the story:
 - What is the whole story about?
- To identify the setting, ask:
 - Where does the story take place?
 - What is the time period?
- To identify the characters, ask:
 - What are the main characters?

- To identify the plot, ask :
 - What are the main events in the story?
 - Are the events in chronological order?
 - What is the main conflict in the story?
- To identify the view point, ask:
 - Is it a subjective or objective point of view?
 - Is the protagonist narrating the story, or is it an observer of the events?
- Are the style and tone formal, informal, funny, sarcastic, sad?

Listening Stage

- While listening to an audiobook, the students **take notes**.
- They **post** their **responses** to the questions in the online discussion **forum**, blog or Facebook page.
- They **summarize** the novel and **post** their **summary** in the **forum**.
- They **post comments** on each other's responses.
- They **discuss** the **elements** of the novel under instructor's supervision.

Post-listening stage:

- Give **feedback, comment** on students' **performance**.
- Provide **guidance** especially if audiobook is difficult.
- Answer **students' questions**.
- **Encourage** students to try.
- Provide help with audiobook **errors**.

Instructor's Role

- A **facilitator**.
- **helps** the students **search** for & **download** audiobooks.
- **follows** the students up to make sure they are **comprehending** and able to follow of the audiobook.
- encourages students to **suggest** literature **audiobooks** of **interest** to them.
- Gives extra **credit**.

Effect of Using Lit Audiobooks

Positive effects:

- Improved **students' listening comprehension**, lit appreciation and analysis skills.
- Increased student **engagement** in listening & lit analysis.
- **Enjoyed** audiobooks.
- **Videos** were the **easiest**. Pictures helped students understand.
- **Audio only** was the most **difficult**.

Challenges:

- Difficult to **follow narrator** (fast) & understand.
- Difficulty understanding **accent**.
- Difficulty **listening** to audio & **following text especially at the beginning**.

Recommendations

- Only **one audiobook** should be **assigned** at a time.
- Select **simplified** and **short** novels.
- **Proceed gradually**: Video => audio & text => audio only
- **Proceed gradually**: short stories => familiar children's stories => simplified novels => longer novels
- Students should not be **left on their own** & should never **listen** to an audiobook **passively**.
- Students who **do not possess** a smart phone, may search **Google** for another **version** of the same audiobook and **listen** to it on their **laptop**.

Audiobook Search App

A screenshot of the Audiobooks Search app showing search results for "Charles Dickens". The interface includes a search bar with the text "charles Dickens" and a "Find" button. Below the search bar, there is a list of four audiobooks. Each entry includes a cover image, the title, author, duration, and source (librivox.org). At the bottom, there are two tabs: "SEARCH" and "HISTORY".

Audiobooks Search

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SEARCH HISTORY

A screenshot of the Audiobooks Search app showing the playback screen for "Part Nr. 1" of "Charles Dickens". The interface includes a title bar with "Charles Dickens" and "Part Nr. 1". Below the title, there is a progress bar showing 0:00. At the bottom, there are five playback controls: a play button (highlighted in blue), a previous button, a next button, and two other buttons.

Audiobooks Search

Charles Dickens

Part Nr. 1

Part Nr. 2

Part Nr. 3

Part Nr. 4













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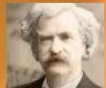
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Searching for Specific Audiobooks



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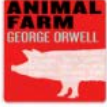
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Examples of Audiobook Libraries

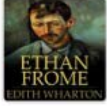
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 **Animal Farm**
by George Orwell



 **Arsène Lupin, Gentleman...**
by Maurice Leblanc



 **Call of the Wild**
by Jack London



 **Ethan Frome**
by Edith Wharton



 **Frankenstein**
by Mary Shelley

 Children's audio books 

 → Pinocchio bedtime story 

 → The three little pigs be... 

 → A dog of flanders bedti... 

 → The blue bird bedtime ... 

Searching for an audiobook Library

← English Audio Books - Librivox



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Talon and tush and c
Oh, hear the call!—Goo
That keep the Jungle
Night-Song in the Jungl

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Player View

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Carroll, Lewis

Part 1 of 12

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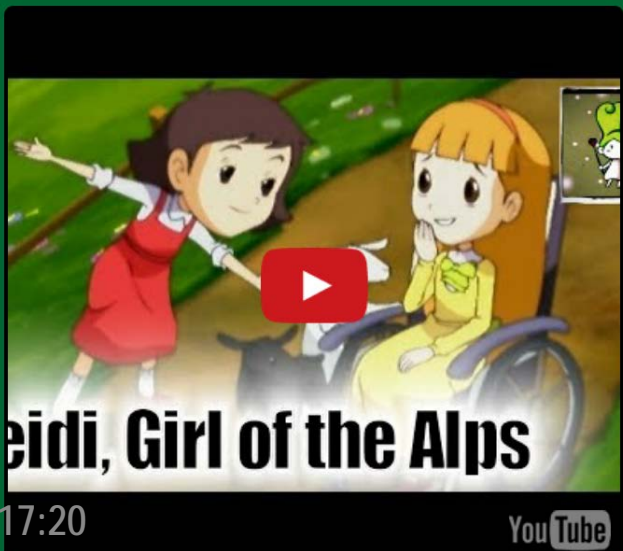
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→ Don Quixote bedtime story



→ Heidi, Girl of the Alps bedtime story



Audio only

YouTube videos

A screenshot of an audiobook player interface. At the top, the title 'Animal Farm' is displayed next to a book icon. Below the title, the publisher 'MarkaVIP' is listed with 'FREE' and a 4.5-star rating from 20,094 reviews. A download icon is in the top right. The main area shows a list of 5 chapters, numbered 01 to 05. At the bottom, a playback control bar is visible, showing a progress bar at 1:33 of a total duration of 13:49. Playback controls include a play button, a skip back button, a skip forward button, and a repeat button.










Audio short Stories

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Sample Short Stories with Audio & Text

About this Short Story





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Linda Bond




Narrated by
Paul Jerricho

Rosa visits her grandma in her cottage in the woods. But is grandma all she seems?

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“Yoo hoo! Grandma! It’s only me!” Rosa called, bustling into the light and warmth of the only room in the small stone cottage.

“Mum’s sent you some beef stew,” she dumped her basket on the solid oak table, hung her red cloak on the back of the door and smoothed down her blue chequered school dress before busying herself by the huge iron bedstead on the far side of the room.

“Here, Grandma,” crooned Rosa propping the old dear up on plumped pillows.

“You are so bony,” she remarked. “Shall I get you some stew?”



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