



Examples of various podcast genres

1. True Crime:

"Serial" - This podcast investigates a nonfiction story over multiple episodes. The first season, in particular, focuses on the murder of Hae Min Lee and the conviction of Adnan Syed.

<https://serialpodcast.org/>

2. Comedy:

"My Brother, My Brother and Me" - Three brothers offer hilarious advice for various questions, often leading to absurd and comical discussions.

<https://maximumfun.org/podcasts/my-brother-my-brother-and-me/>

3. Science:

"Radiolab" - This podcast explores scientific and philosophical topics through a mix of storytelling, interviews, and sound design.

<https://radiolab.org/podcast>

4. Technology:

"Reply All" - A podcast about the internet, featuring stories that range from tech support scams to the cultural impact of memes.

<https://gimletmedia.com/shows/reply-all>

5. History:

"Hardcore History" by Dan Carlin - In-depth explorations of historical events and figures, presented in a captivating narrative style.

<https://www.dancarlin.com/hardcore-history-series/>

6. Politics:

"Pod Save America" - A progressive political podcast hosted by former Obama administration staffers, discussing current events and political issues.

<https://crooked.com/podcast-series/pod-save-america/>



7. Business:

"How I Built This" with Guy Raz - Interviews with entrepreneurs and innovators about the stories behind the creation of their successful businesses.

<https://www.npr.org/series/490248027/how-i-built-this>

8. Personal Development:

"The Tim Ferriss Show" - Interviews with world-class performers from various fields, exploring their habits, routines, and strategies for success.

<https://tim.blog/podcast/>

9. Health and Wellness:

"The Model Health Show" - Shawn Stevenson provides actionable advice and insights to help listeners optimize their health and live a vibrant life.

<https://themodelhealthshow.com/>

10. Literature:

"The New Yorker: Fiction" - Authors read and discuss stories from The New Yorker magazine's fiction archives.

<https://www.newyorker.com/podcast/fiction>

11. Film and TV:

"You Must Remember This" - A storytelling podcast exploring the secret and forgotten history of Hollywood's first century.

<https://www.youmustrememberthispodcast.com/>

12. Music:

"Song Exploder" - Musicians take apart their songs, piece by piece, and discuss the stories and inspiration behind them.

<https://songexploder.net/episodes>

13. Sports:

"The Bill Simmons Podcast" - A sports and pop culture podcast featuring interviews with athletes, writers, and other figures from the world of sports.

<https://www.theringer.com/the-bill-simmons-podcast>



14. Interview/Conversation:

"WTF with Marc Maron" - Comedian Marc Maron interviews celebrities, comedians, and other interesting individuals in candid and revealing conversations.

<https://www.wtfpod.com/podcast>

15. Educational:

"Stuff You Should Know" - Explains how things work, from the human body to everyday objects, in an engaging and accessible manner.

<https://stuffyoushouldknow.com/>



Examples of various podcast formats

1. Narrative Storytelling:

"S-Town" - This podcast from the creators of "Serial" tells a compelling story about an eccentric man living in a small Alabama town.

<https://stownpodcast.org/>

2. Interview:

"Armchair Expert with Dax Shepard" - Actor Dax Shepard interviews celebrities, experts, and interesting individuals in long-form, candid conversations.

<https://armchairexpertpod.com/>

3. Panel Discussion:

"Pod Save the People" - Hosted by organizer and activist DeRay Mckesson, this podcast features a panel of contributors discussing social justice issues, politics, and culture.

<https://crooked.com/podcast-series/pod-save-the-people/>

4. Solo Monologue:

"Stuff You Missed in History Class" - Hosted by Holly Frey, this podcast presents fascinating stories from history that might not have made it into your textbooks.

<https://www.iheart.com/podcast/105-stuff-you-missed-in-histor-21124503/>

5. Question & Answer:

"Ask Me Another" - NPR's trivia, puzzles, and word games show where contestants and audience members test their knowledge.

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510299/ask-me-another>

6. Serial/Investigative:

"In the Dark" - This podcast investigates a different case each season, examining the criminal justice system's flaws and failures.

<https://features.apmreports.org/in-the-dark/>



7. Educational:

"TED Talks Daily" - Curated TED Talks covering a wide range of topics, from science and technology to personal development and creativity.

<https://www.ted.com/about/programs-initiatives/ted-talks/ted-talks-daily>

8. Fictional Storytelling:

"Welcome to Night Vale" - A bi-weekly podcast in the style of community updates for the small desert town of Night Vale, featuring mysterious and supernatural events.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/WelcometoNightVale/playlists>

9. Conversational:

"Conan O'Brien Needs A Friend" - Comedian Conan O'Brien talks with friends, colleagues, and other celebrities, exploring the topic of friendship and much more.

<https://teamcoco.com/podcasts/conan-obrien-needs-a-friend>

10. Review/Analysis:

"CinemaBlend Podcast" - A podcast that reviews and analyzes the latest movies, TV shows, and entertainment news.

<https://www.cinemablend.com/podcasts>

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<https://za.radio.net/podcast/top-podcasts>

https://podcasts.feedspot.com/south_africa_podcasts/

<https://chartable.com/charts/spotify/south-africa-top-podcasts>

<https://www.radio-south-africa.co.za/podcasts>