

Music Choices for Content Creation

When selecting music for your podcast, it's important to understand the different types of licenses and permissions associated with music. Here's a breakdown:

Public Domain: Music in the public domain is not protected by copyright and is free for anyone to use for any purpose, including commercial use, without permission or payment. This music can be from classical composers like Beethoven or traditional folk songs whose copyright has expired.

Creative Commons: Creative Commons (CC) licenses offer various levels of permission for creators to share their work. There are different types of CC licenses, but most allow for free use under certain conditions, such as attribution to the original creator, non-commercial use, or allowing derivative works.

Copyrighted: Music that is copyrighted is protected by law, and you must obtain permission from the copyright owner to use it in your podcast. This often involves licensing agreements and sometimes payment of royalties. **You will not be able to use copyrighted music since it requires these agreements and payment.**

When searching for music for your podcast, look for options labeled as public domain or with Creative Commons licenses that match your desired usage. Websites like Free Music Archive, Jamendo, and CC Mixer offer vast libraries of music with various licensing options suitable for podcasts. Always be sure to read and understand the specific terms of use for each piece of music you consider using to ensure compliance with copyright laws and to avoid any legal issues.

By selecting music with appropriate licenses, you can enhance your podcast with quality soundtracks while respecting the rights of creators and staying within legal boundaries.

Music

- [Soundcloud](#)
- [Creative Commons](#)
- [Free Music Archive](#)
- [AudioJungle](#)
- [Pond5](#)
- [Soundstripe](#)
- [Audiio](#)
- [YouTube Audio Library](#) (this may not work on a Chromebook)

Music Selection Worksheet

Song #1

Website where you got the song from:

Song Title:

Artist:

Licensing: Public domain / Creative commons / something else?

Purpose: Intro/Outro/Transition

Song #2

Website where you got the song from:

Song Title:

Artist:

Licensing: Public domain / Creative commons / something else?

Purpose: Intro/Outro/Transition

Song #3

Website where you got the song from:

Song Title:

Artist:

Licensing: Public domain / Creative commons / something else?

Purpose: Intro/Outro/Transition

Song #4

Website where you got the song from:

Song Title:

Artist:

Licensing: Public domain / Creative commons / something else?

Purpose: Intro/Outro/Transition

Song #5

Website where you got the song from:

Song Title:

Artist:

Licensing: Public domain / Creative commons / something else?

Purpose: Intro/Outro/Transition