| Podcast Format | Narrative Podcast | Roundtable Discussion | Interview |
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| What is it? | A story told over the course of one or more episodes.   * Usually edited * Usually involves writing a script * Sometimes involves sound effects, music, and more | Two or more co-hosts, having an informal discussion on a topic   * Involves preparation and research in advance * No script, but a moderator usually leads the discussion * Rarely involves scoring and sound effects | One or more hosts interviews a guest expert on a topic   * The expert comes prepared to talk extensively on a topic * No script, but the hosts must prepare in order to ask good questions * Interview might be edited to |
| Example Shows | [*Tumble Science Podcast for Kids*](https://www.sciencepodcastforkids.com/)  [*The Past and the Curious*](https://thepastandthecurious.com/)  [*Circle Round*](https://www.wbur.org/podcasts/circleround)  [*What if World*](http://www.whatifworldpodcast.com/)  [*This American Life*](https://www.thisamericanlife.org/)  [*Eleanor Amplified*](https://whyy.org/programs/eleanor-amplified/)  [*Song Exploder*](https://songexploder.net/) | [*The Slate Political Gabfest*](https://slate.com/podcasts/political-gabfest)  [*NPR’s Pop Culture Happy Hour*](https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510282/pop-culture-happy-hour)  [*Mugglecast*](https://mugglecast.com/)  [*The Spawn Chunks - A Minecraft Podcast*](https://thespawnchunks.com/)  [*New Heights with Jason & Travis Kelce*](https://www.newheightshow.com/) | [*Tis the Grinch Holiday Talk Show*](https://wondery.com/shows/the-grinch/)  [*The Barbie Podcast*](https://shop.mattel.com/pages/barbie-the-podcast?srsltid=AfmBOoqx7o3J6QBlxnEUzyGO0bT5GMiMXKietm-xfdYpXAcaHR4YVD9K)  [*Fresh Air with Terry Gross*](https://www.npr.org/programs/fresh-air/)  [*How I Built This*](https://www.npr.org/series/490248027/how-i-built-this)  [*Knuckleheads with Quentin Richardson and Darius Miles*](https://www.theplayerstribune.com/collections/knuckleheadspod)  [*Broken Record with Rick Rubin*](https://www.pushkin.fm/podcasts/broken-record) |

**Which is it…??**

Can you tell what makes a podcast fit one format or another? For each of the items below, see if you can figure out which podcast format fits it *best.* Explain to your teacher and classmates after!

1. Before you record this podcast, you write a *script* with a beginning, middle, and end.
2. Narrative b) Roundtable c) Interview

2) Three friends get together to discuss their favorite subject: football!

1. Narrative b) Roundtable c) Interview

3) Shelly’s idea for a podcast involves having one-on-one conversations with all the adults in her community, to ask them to share what they know about what’s going on around her.

1. Narrative b) Roundtable c) Interview

4) On her podcast, Sarahi tells stories all set in a fantasy world that she’s created based off a Dungeons and Dragons game she’s been playing for the past several weeks.

1. Narrative b) Roundtable c) Interview

5) In *Dinosaur Chat,* three hosts and a weekly special guest discuss the latest news about dinosaurs from all over the world.

1. Narrative b) Roundtable c) Interview

6) Sam’s podcast idea involves getting someone to tell a really interesting story, and using sound effects and music to *really* make it feel like you’re experiencing the story along with them.

1. Narrative b) Roundtable c) Interview

### **Podcast Listening Activity**

With your group, pick **three shows** to listen to. Use the questions below to help you talk about what you heard:

* What made this podcast a good example of its format?
* How was the episode organized? (Beginning, middle, end? Questions? Conversation?)
* What did you **like** about the podcast? What didn’t you like?
* Is there anything from this podcast that you want to **use in your own** podcast?