

ALICE IN AUSTRALIA

STORY SEVEN : AN AUDIO STORY

Improve Your Literacy – Suggested Activities

Write the Story for Alice

Alice's homework task is to write an audio story, but she doesn't get that far in the story you have just read. Using the list of sounds which she and the twins have recorded, write a story and include in it as many of the sounds as you can.

If you have a recording device (your phone or iPod will do it), record your story by speaking it and adding the sounds to make it as realistic as possible.

Make a Podcast

A podcast is a sound recording which can be shared with others via the internet. Making a podcast is very simple. You will need:

a computer or laptop with a microphone

recording software such as Audacity (free) or GarageBand (if you have a Mac)

an internet connection

somewhere to publish your podcast - blog or website

Helpful links

Making Your First Podcast <http://www.podcastingnews.com/articles/How-to-Podcast.html> and <http://www.apple.com/itunes/podcasts/specs.html>

How to Create a Podcast (Video) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hrBbczS9I0>

How to add sound to a Facebook page - <http://computer.howstuffworks.com/internet/tips/how-to-add-music-to-facebook2.htm>

Share Your Sounds
<http://soundcloud.com/>

Sound and Image - Making Predictions ** (For the Teacher)*

Sound is an element of moving image or multimedia texts which is often overlooked. Try this technique to focus attention on sound and to demonstrate why it matters so much.

- 1 select a short film text
- 2 play the first minute or two minutes with the screen blanked out (sound only)
- 3 ask pupils to write down what they hear
- 4 discuss what 'kind' of text this might be

* from Ten Tools for Reading Film
<http://literacyadviser.wordpress.com/ten-tools-for-reading-film/>

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