



Grades 5–12
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Increase Literacy and Learning Through Real World Podcasts



What is *Listenwise*?

Listenwise is the only listening comprehension platform available to advance literacy and learning. Improve your students' listening comprehension through podcasts that are built into standards-based lessons.

Motivate students with 1000+ real world stories!

- Make rigorous academic content accessible with instructional supports
- Prepare students to meet state and national listening requirements
- Assess students listening comprehension and target areas of improvement
- Improve English Learners language skills with engaging listening practice

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“Listenwise’s stories are concise and digestible, and provide a challenge level that is just right for secondary students. My students particularly like the interactive transcript.”

—Jonathon Winkler, *Newton MA*

Teaching Listening Comprehension

Use Listenwise to challenge your students to be critical thinkers, while building their comprehension skills! Listen to these audio stories and think aloud to show students your thought process. Did you make connections during the story? What did you have more questions about? Did the story connect to something you already knew?

Listenwise helps you build various depths of knowledge, from recall to strategic and extended thinking. Our discussion questions are designed to help students make connections to the content, inspire them to share their opinions and discuss the stories with each other.





Listenwise in the Classroom

Focusing on listening is more important now that listening is tested on many state and national assessments. Listenwise can be used in blended, flipped or 1:1 classrooms, along with traditional classroom settings. The design is flexible, allowing you to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students.

1. Introduce

- Present the story and learning objectives to activate student knowledge
- Build necessary background

2. Listen

- Listen as a whole class to scaffold and discuss
- OR Listen individually for differentiation and flipped classrooms
- OR Listen to different stories for maximum student engagement

3. Support

- Supports students who need help with comprehension with transcripts, slower audio, vocabulary, graphic organizers
- OR Enhance literary impact of everyone's listening experience

4. Explore

- Explore language through close listening and language practice
- Explore content area through curriculum connections and class activities
- Get students talking and thinking!

5. Assess

- Assess listening comprehension through auto-scored quizzes
- OR Check for understanding with constructed response assignments to increase rigor

Supports a Variety of Learning Scenarios

Teachers can customize assignments to differentiate for students who are listening individually, or students can listen as a whole class and discuss their ideas. Teachers can assign a quiz with the lesson to determine which listening comprehension skills need the most focus.

YOUR ASSIGNMENT

Coming to America: Immigration

What are the modern "push" and "pull" factors that influence immigration to the U.S. today?

Teacher Instructions

Listen to the story and think about the different perspectives presented. Fill in the chart with the points of view from both the immigrants and the employers. Then answer the questions about the story. We will use the other web sites in a group activity during class.

This Mrs. Gage's 3rd Period Social Studies assignment is due **Wednesday, February 11, 2015** (4 days ago)

Materials

- Destination America: European Immigration
- Oral Histories from Ellis Island
- Image: Welcome To All

Vocabulary

embarkation - setting out on a journey

immigrant - someone who leaves the country of his or her birth to live in another country

The Story

The dairy industry has a desperate need for workers and this attracts immigrants. The story begins in the home of an immigrant family as they get up to get ready for work. It describes the experiences of new immigrants to the U.S. from Guatemala who work at dairy farms in northern New York and Vermont. Before playing the story, tell students that the lesson is an introduction to learning about the "new immigration" of the late 1800s of people coming to the U.S. from southeastern Europe and Asia. They will learn about the "push" and "pull" factors for those immigrants, which were similar to those for the Guatemalan immigrants today.

Story Length: 3:39

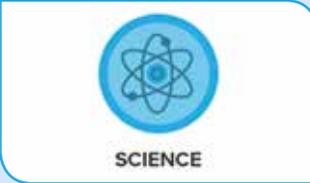
Listen to the Story:

Coming to America: Immigration

SECRET: South Florida Middle School

Access a Full Library of Curriculum-Aligned Lessons

Use our library of podcasts to engage students, practice listening and comprehension, extend learning, reinforce content and concepts, support student research projects, or as a review of subject-area content. Teachers can use our vast library to create cross curricular connections, such as, discussing how pollution from the industrial revolution is thought to have caused glaciers to melt.

 <p>CURRENT EVENTS</p> <p>Current events create a powerful connection between students lives' and historical events. New current events are posted every other day, and debates are featured every Friday.</p>	 <p>ELA</p> <p>Leverage listening and reading comprehension with carefully selected audio stories that have a direct connection to ELA curriculum.</p>	 <p>SCIENCE</p> <p>Build cross-curricular connections with a variety of topics. Science topics include: ecosystems, earth and space, animal behavior, and more.</p>	 <p>SOCIAL STUDIES</p> <p>Connect students emotionally to historical content through authentic voices. Social studies curriculum spans Ancient History, World History, US History, and Civics/Government.</p>
Children in Migrant Crisis in Europe	<i>Animal Farm and Satire</i>	Interstellar Travel on Voyager	<i>Elie Wiesel's Night</i>
Should we Preserve Sites that Have a Shameful Past?	Defining and Understanding Heroism	Bee Deaths and Crop Consequences	Fighting the Fugitive Slave Act
Searching for the Next Killer Virus	Edgar Allen Poe Still Captures the Imagination	Cooking up a Super Volcano	Japanese Internment—Injustice or Wartime Necessity?

“Every day, dozens of exceptional stories are published on public radio... Imagine listening to an interview with Elie Wiesel when learning about the Holocaust.”

—Jennifer Gonzalez, *Cult of Pedagogy*



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Assess Comprehension

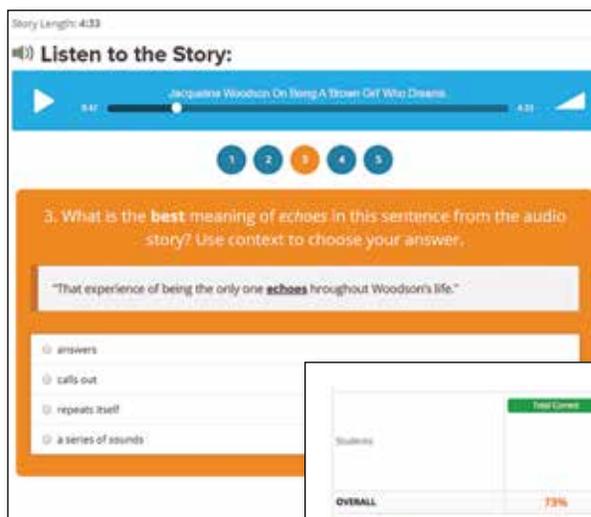
For the first time you'll have insight into how well your students listen along with having the resources to improve listening comprehension. Our unique formative assessments evaluate students across 8 core strands of listening comprehension.

Use auto-scored listening comprehension quizzes!

- Embedded assessments integrate into instruction without additional testing time
- Multiple choice quizzes are automatically scored
- Immediate feedback on correct and incorrect answers supports all students
- Easily assign with or without listening supports, depending on your student needs

Assessments

Teachers can diagnose which listening skills need the most work, such as main idea or inferencing, and use the data to inform instruction.



LISTENING COMPREHENSION STRANDS

- LITERAL
- MAIN IDEA
- VOCABULARY
- POINT OF VIEW
- SUMMARIZE
- INFERENCE
- ANALYZE
- EVIDENCE

“After using just 3 quizzes with my class, I can already see improvement on certain comprehension skills. Listenwise is a tool I’ll continue to use—we love it!”

—Heather Ryan,
Ormond Beach Middle School, FL

	Total Correct	Literal	Main Idea	Vocabulary	Summarize
Students		1. Why did the immigrants work on the audio story decide to leave their homes in Guatemala?	2. What is one of the main ideas of the audio story?	3. Based on the description of the immigrants' journey from Guatemala to the U.S., what is the meaning of the word burrowing in this sentence from the story?	4. Which of these is a conclusion that can be drawn based on information in the audio story?
OVERALL	73%	63%	63%	63%	88%
Tarrah Williams	3 60%	✗	✗	✓	✓
Jan Snow	2 40%	✗	✓	✗	✓
Emar Garcia	4 80%	✓	✓	✗	✓
Lisa Taylor	5 100%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nick Martinez	4 80%	✓	✗	✓	✓
Chris Chance	1 20%	✗	✗	✗	✗

Reports

Our user-friendly reports enable both teachers and administrators to monitor progress and drill down to the school, class, and student levels.

Advance your English Learners

Listenwise provides high-quality, state and nationally aligned curriculum materials for English Learners. Listening is a great equalizer. The whole class can listen to the same story and then be assigned the appropriate level of challenge in differentiated assignments.



AUTHENTIC ACADEMIC LANGUAGE

- Academic vocabulary in context
- Real variations in speaker intonation rate, turn taking, and pronunciation
- Slowed audio feature for comprehension



SCAFFOLDED INSTRUCTION

- Building background
- Close listening routines
- Oral language practice
- Tiered Vocabulary



LISTENING SUPPORT

- Interactive transcripts
- Slower audio option
- Active listening organizers
- Speakers guide



RIGOROUS CONTENT

- Language lessons integrated into ELA, social studies, and science
- Middle and high school standards-aligned content lessons
- Meet the needs of all students

Graphic Organizers

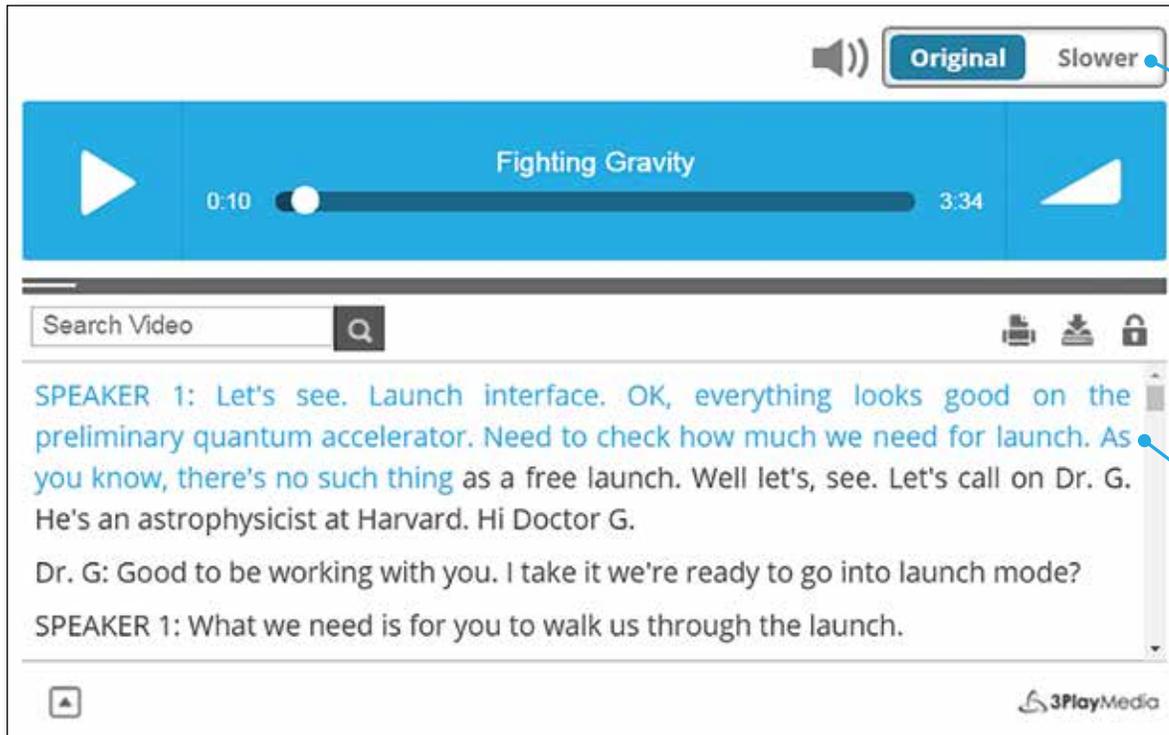
EL specific graphic organizers help students build language while listening, focusing on vocabulary, comprehension, grammar, sentence structure, and other language skills.

Dust Bowl Cause and Effect

While listening to this story, note the language that describes the causes of the Dust Bowl as well as the effects.

Causes of the Dust Bowl	Effects on People and Environment

Interactive Transcripts



The screenshot shows a video player interface. At the top right, there is a volume icon and a speed control menu with 'Original' and 'Slower' options. Below this is a blue progress bar with a play button on the left, a progress slider showing 0:10, the title 'Fighting Gravity', and a total duration of 3:34. Below the video player is a search bar labeled 'Search Video' and a search icon. The transcript area contains the following text:

SPEAKER 1: Let's see. Launch interface. OK, everything looks good on the preliminary quantum accelerator. Need to check how much we need for launch. As you know, there's no such thing as a free launch. Well let's, see. Let's call on Dr. G. He's an astrophysicist at Harvard. Hi Doctor G.

Dr. G: Good to be working with you. I take it we're ready to go into launch mode?

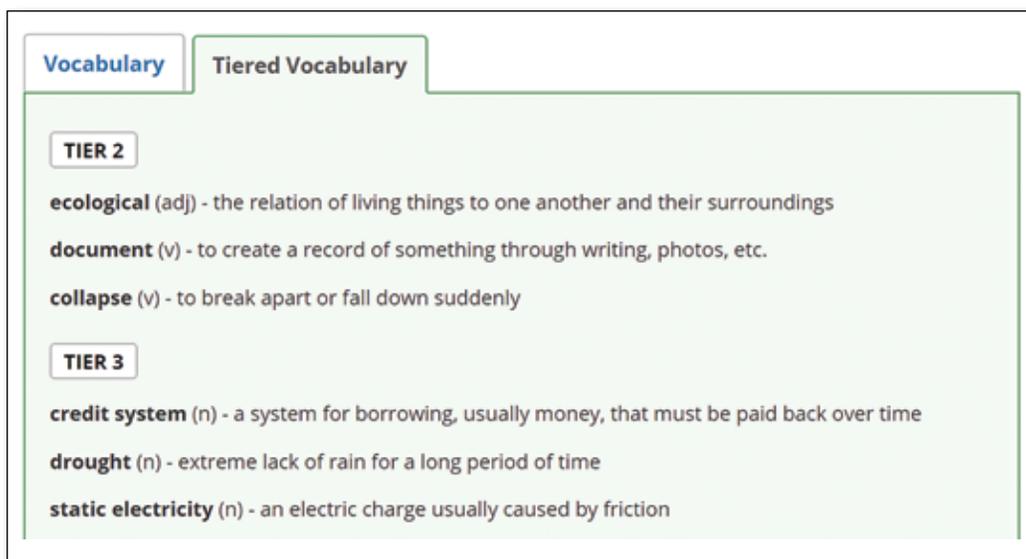
SPEAKER 1: What we need is for you to walk us through the launch.

At the bottom right of the transcript area is the '3PlayMedia' logo.

Slower Audio Play: Allows students to hear the content at a slower, but authentic, pace.

The transcript progresses in sync with the audio and highlights the words as they are read.

Tier 2 and 3 Vocabulary



The screenshot shows a 'Tiered Vocabulary' interface. It has two tabs: 'Vocabulary' and 'Tiered Vocabulary'. The 'Tiered Vocabulary' tab is active and shows a list of words categorized by tier.

TIER 2

- ecological** (adj) - the relation of living things to one another and their surroundings
- document** (v) - to create a record of something through writing, photos, etc.
- collapse** (v) - to break apart or fall down suddenly

TIER 3

- credit system** (n) - a system for borrowing, usually money, that must be paid back over time
- drought** (n) - extreme lack of rain for a long period of time
- static electricity** (n) - an electric charge usually caused by friction

The academic vocabulary that is critical for educational success, is provided for instruction.



“By reinforcing close listening and comprehension across the curriculum, students can use the same questioning, reasoning, and analyzing strategies whenever they interact with content and media.”

—Rebecca McLelland-Crawley
*Gifted & Talented Facilitator,
West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional
School District, NJ*



About Us

Listenwise is an award-winning listening skills platform. We harness the power of listening to advance literacy and learning in all students. Our collection of podcasts and radio stories keeps teaching connected to the real world and builds student listening and comprehension skills.

We Believe in

- the importance of listening for student success
- the power of a great story
- literacy for all

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