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Using the KGI podcasts

Did you know that there are **free, bilingual podcasts** available on the KGI website? What a great way to practice your listening skills! You can listen to them directly OR download them to your computer or handphone/smartphone and listen to them later. You could even use them in your English class! You can also find the complete tapescripts of each podcast so it will be easier to make worksheets for your students! Just follow the instructions below to download the podcasts.

Download KGI podcasts onto your phone

If your handphone has GPRS then you can download direct to your handphone. However, if it doesn't have GPRS then you need to download files to your computer first, then, transfer the file to your handphone. Here is the technical procedure:



Cara download file podcast -

1. Kunjungi website kanguru di <http://www.kangguru.org/>
2. Klik menu magazine
3. Di Kotak ungu sebelah kanan, pilih edisi podcasts yang hendak di akses
4. Temukan player audio yang berwarna abu-abu di bawah gambar wajah di bagian akhir kotak masing-masing artikel. Player ini berfungsi untuk mendengarkan secara online.
5. Untuk mendownload, klik link yang tersedia pada tulisan warna biru (MP3) yang terletak di bagian akhir kalimat keterangan cara penggunaan player di atas.

So now you have the podcast on your phone or your computer - *how can you use it in the classroom?* Have a look at the suggestions below.

The Total Gapfill

Take four or five sentences from a podcast and replace each letter in each word with a line or a star. So a sentence such as:

People to people links are created when people really get to know each other.
(podcast number 9, December 2009) becomes -

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Ask your students to listen 3 or 4 times without writing anything down. Then as a class they try to recreate the missing words and sentences. Try the first two or three sentences as a class then the last two in pairs or small groups. This activity helps students to listen and remember words in chunks, rather than individual words - a good aid to vocabulary building.

Using the English and Indonesian (bilingual) podcasts

Set some questions about a text and write the questions in English. Students listen to the English version of the text. Give students time to answer the questions. Now play the Indonesian version of the text and let students check their answers.



If you have done any successful podcast activities with your students please share them with KGI. We love to hear the feedback!

KGI workshops for teachers in AIBEP schools (Australia Indonesia Basic Education Program)

In the beginning of 2010 Kang Guru delivered two special workshops for AIBEP school teachers. In March KGI went to Lombok and presented a workshop for about 25 AIBEP teachers. The workshop was held at Pondok Pesantran Darul Munir, a new AIBEP school about half way between Bangkalan and Pamekasan. In April KGI traveled to Sumba to present a workshop for 25 English teachers from AIBEP schools near the capital, Waingapu. The teachers gathered at SMPN 4 Mauliru, near the airport. The school is still under construction but we were all made to feel very welcome.



Sue and some of the teachers at the AIBEP workshop in Sumba.

Other KGI workshops this year - in cooperation with MGMP, have included Manna in South Bengkulu, Gianyar and Denpasar in Bali, Sambas in NW Kalimantan, Sukabumi in West Java, Bone, Polewali and Enrekang in Sulawesi, and also in Salatiga, Bojonegoro and Mojokerto.

Kang Guru also took part in an English Upgrade day for about 150 students in Mataram recently.

Kang Guru and Certificates

The staff at Kang Guru are used to signing hundreds of certificates to be presented to participants at the end of workshops. KGI understands how important these certificates are as they can be used by teachers as part of their certification process. It is very important to get all the information correct on those certificates. Before printing your certificates be sure to email a copy of the certificate to Ogi at KGI in Bali so that KGI can check that the correct, up-to-date logos have been used and the wording and spelling is correct. At KGI workshops certificates are only presented to teachers who attended the whole workshop. That means the full day and not half a day, okay?

Kang Guru and Facebook

Have you joined the KGI Facebook page? The address to the *official* KGI Facebook is simple - it's **Kang Guru Indonesia**. Tell your students about it too. There is only one rule - you must use English! Don't forget to join in the quizzes and competitions held regularly. Follow this link to KGI Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1844786587>



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A game to review tenses (easy to prepare)

Write the words to three sentences randomly on the board of the tense you want to review. (eg. 1 negative sentence, 1 positive sentence and 1 question)



OR just give each group the words by speaking and the group writes them down.

The Activity

Students work in groups to make the sentences and the rules.

Example:

Tense of the Three Sentences: *TO BE in the present simple*

Sentence

I am a student.

I am not a student.

Are you a student?

Rules

Positive: S + am/is/are + O

Negative: S + am/is/are + not + O.

Question word + am/ is /are + S + O?

Groups which finish and have the correct answers can assist groups who are still working.

NEW - Portable Document Format files available on the Kang Guru Website
Portable Document Format (PDF) files can be easily copied onto another computer. They have been compressed therefore do not take up much room on your hard drive.

If you are a regular visitor to the KGI website then you will already know that all of the 2009/2010 KGI magazines are available on PDF. In June there will also be segments from radio shows available on PDF with podcasts/sound bites you can listen too. Use them in your classroom! KGI will also have some lesson plans adapted from the KGI *Listening and Reading Class Sets* - also with sound bites. Why not visit the KGI website during June and download KGI magazines, radio show segments and lesson plans?

CamTESOL Conference on English Language Teaching in Cambodia 26-27 February, 2011

The 7th CamTESOL conference on English Language Teaching will be held in Phnom Penh on 26-27 February, 2011. This is an international conference that focuses on practical issues in teaching English in this region. The conference attracts around 1 200 delegates, with the majority coming from Asian countries.

The Call for Papers for this conference is now mounted on the website at http://www.camtesol.org/2011conference/Call_for_Papers_2011.html
Abstracts from teachers of English in Indonesia are greatly welcomed by the conference Program Committee, because the conference has a focus on Southeast Asia and issues in English classrooms in this region.

There are various support schemes for teachers of English in Indonesia to attend this conference. For updated information on support available, please visit the conference website: www.camtesol.org or write to chamroeun.bun@idp.com if you have a question.

Check the website link for special offers for teachers from Indonesia!



Sue from KGI presenting a workshop at the CamTESOL conference 2009.

