



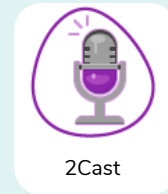
Year 4

Sound Stories

Key Learning

- To understand what makes audiobooks effective and identify the key features that make them engaging.
- To plan and write a script for an engaging audiobook.
- To record clear narration and add sound effects to an audiobook.
- To edit, improve and finalise an audiobook using recording and sound design tools.

Key Resources



Key Vocabulary

Audiobook

A recorded version of a book that is read aloud.

Background Music

Music that plays softly behind a story, scene, or activity.

Edit

To cut, move, or improve parts of a recording.

Editor

A person who checks and improves written work, videos, or sound recordings by fixing mistakes and making it flow smoothly.

Final Mix

The complete, polished version of your audio.

Playback

Listening to a recording to check how it sounds and decide what to change.

Recording

Capturing sounds, voices, or music so they can be played back later.

Sound Effects

A recorded sound other than speech or music that is added to make something more exciting or realistic.

Sound Effects Manager

A person who finds or creates sounds to make a project more interesting and realistic.

Sound Technician

Someone who sets up and controls the equipment for recording or playing sound, making sure everything can be heard clearly.

Timeline

The area in an audio recording and editing tool where you can see and move your audio clips.

Track

A row or layer where a piece of sound (like speech or music) is added when using an audio recording tool.



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Key Images



Add track



Delete track



Import audio
file



Play



Stop



Record



Go to start



Go to end



Snip event



Glue event



Sound clip



Solo or mute
track

Key Questions

What is an audiobook?

An audiobook is a story or book that is read aloud and recorded so people can listen to it.

What are the main features of an audiobook?

An audiobook often includes a narrator who reads a story aloud with clear speech and expression. It often has different voices for characters, background music to set the mood, and sound effects to match the action. These features help bring the story to life and make it more interesting for the listener.

What are the main advantages of an audiobook?

Audiobooks make stories easier to enjoy because you can listen instead of reading.

They help with understanding how words sound, are useful for early readers or those with reading difficulties and allow people to enjoy stories while doing other things.

Audiobooks also bring stories to life with expressive voices, sound effects, and music, making the experience more exciting and engaging.

What is the process of creating an audiobook?

A story is selected and a script is written that includes narration, dialogue, and sound effect cues. Next, the team rehearses and records the narration and any required sound effects using audio software. Once recording is complete, the audio is edited to remove mistakes, adjust volume levels, and arrange tracks on the timeline. Finally, the completed version is reviewed to ensure it flows smoothly and engages the listener.