

Recording Mobile Podcasts with Gcast

Before you start, remember, Gcast is a free service, but only if you call from a landline, have an unlimited calling plan, or plenty of minutes to record your voice. Please check with your parents before you begin podcasting, or play it safe and podcast from a landline. Your signature along with a parent signature below indicates that you understand the possibility of charges from your cell phone company if you go over your allocated monthly minutes.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

How to record a podcast via phone

Gcast is a fantastic, free tool that allows anyone to podcast by any phone. This phone might be a cell phone, it might be a phone in the classroom, or it could be a phone in a student's home.

Once you setup an account in Gcast, recording a mobile podcast couldn't be simpler. Just dial Gcast's toll free number (there is also an international option), follow the voice prompts, and record. That's all there is to it.

Registering for a Gcast Account

To set up an account in Gcast (<http://www.gcast.com>), begin by clicking on the Sign up now, it's free! link on the top right corner of the page.

You will be taken to a form that asks your email address, your zip code, and a password. Complete the form and click the I Agree, create my account button. On the next page, you can edit your podcast's name and description, and you can upload a small photo to represent your podcast if you choose. Click Next. The next step will ask you to enter the ten-digit phone number** you would like to register as well as a four-digit PIN number.

***If you are going to be the only person calling in and recording with your account, you would want to use the number you will most often call from. This will keep Gcast from asking you to enter your registration phone number when you call in.*

Click OK, finished, and your account will be created. You will receive a confirmation email at this point. Before you start podcasting, open this email and click on the confirmation link.

You're now ready to podcast!

Method for Student Podcasting Using Gcast

Before you call, make sure you have the following:

- Gcast's toll free number (888-654-2278)
- Unless you are calling from the phone number you registered when you created your account, you will need the phone number you registered when creating your account
- Your four digit PIN

When you have found a quiet place and are ready to record your podcast, call Gcast and follow the voice prompts. When you have finished recording, press 3 to publish your podcast. Within 5 minutes, the podcast will be found within your online Gcast account.

Editing the Recordings

This option is great if you want to edit your podcasts. Login to your account, or go to <http://www.gcast.com/u/yourusername>. Each of your podcast recordings has an mp3 icon next to it. Click on the icon, and you can download (or drag from a Mac) the podcast onto your computer. From there, you can edit the podcast, adding music and sound effects, using Garageband.