

Medical Student Life In Japan

A Podcast Is Born

Show & Tell Presentation
Saturday, June 5, 14:45-15:15 JST

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Presentation Outline



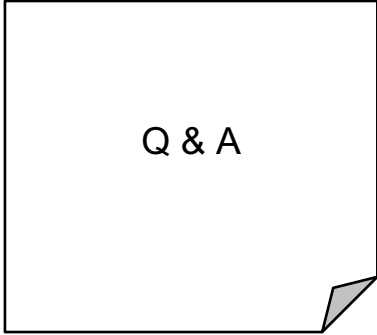
Michael



Yuriko



Making the podcast



Q & A

Introduction

Michael Blodgett

Full-time English Lecturer, Nara Medical University

Teach 1st & 2nd-Year medical and nursing students

Teach compulsory classes and "advanced classes"

What are **Advanced Classes**?

"Nara Medical University is dedicated to developing the best clinical English program in the country." - University President Hiroshi Hosoi

Non-credit Elective English Classes

International Research Clerkship Program

3-month overseas program available to 2nd-Year students

Pandemic changes everything

Compulsory classes go online

International Research Clerkship Program canceled

Advanced classes mostly canceled...

Reimagining Advanced Class for Research Clerkship

Create **opportunities**

1. to have regular English conversation practice
2. to communicate with people in foreign countries in English
3. to share ideas and information about Japanese culture
4. to have fun

Podcasts



2nd Year Communication - Podcasts & Podcasting

Set up class using



2nd Year Communication - Podcasts & Podcasting

Goals:

Introduce podcasts to students

Listen and discuss podcasts in class

Create our very own podcast

And...

1 student

tons of students

signed up.

She is an amazing student!

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A podcast that would:

give an up-close view of being a medical student in Japan

be informative about studying medicine/ medical topics in Japan

share fun conversations and perspectives on Japan and Japanese culture

Medical Student Life In Japan



Join us (Michael & Yuriko) for an in-depth look into the life and experiences of a medical college student in Nara, Japan. We will discuss all kinds of topics including: medical colleges in Japan, student life, Nara and its surroundings, and much more! We hope this podcast can be a source of information and entertainment for those who are interested in medical college and Japan.

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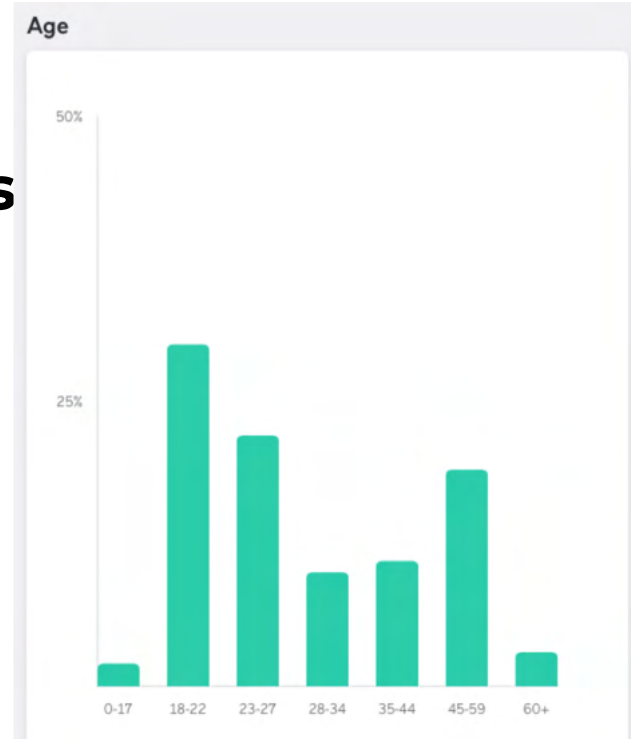
One semester class (September to January):

Created 11 original episodes

Listeners from over **30 countries**

Listeners from all age groups

Thanks



But **enough** about the teacher

Let me pass the baton to the wonderful student I mentioned.

Yuriko, take it away!

Introduction

Yuriko Daijo

A third-year medical student, Nara Medical University



Practicing **English** conversation

Studying hard to pass **USMLE** ;

United States Medical Licence Examination

Aiming to get residency in the U.S. in the future



How I joined the class

[Advanced English classes](#) for research clerkship abroad.

The clerkship was canceled due to the pandemic.

...However, Michael created a replacement class, changing the content.

It is about making a [podcast](#)!

What is a podcast?

Audio materials with many topics (ex: music, movies , travel, food...)

Accessible **anytime** and **anywhere** !

In **a variety of languages** (ex: Japanese, English...)

Very useful for learning English !



Some topics of our podcast

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- Most are about **life in Nara Medical University**.
(ex: entrance ceremony, classes, club activities, part-time jobs, volunteering)
- Some are about **Japanese culture** (ex: vending machines).
- Some introductions are about **trips to some prefectures in Japan**.
- Some **interviews** of other students (ex: senior students).



Strong points of the podcast

1. recording on **zoom**
2. very **creative** way to learn English
3. connecting with people all over the **world**

1. Recording on zoom

Preventing the spread of **Covid-19**

A small number of students in class or completely online.



Also, we can **make a podcast together** thanks to the technology!

Moreover, it's a great opportunity to familiarize ourselves with some **recording devices** and **broadcasting systems**.



2. Very creative way to learn English

- Preparing and memorizing specific **vocabularies**

- recording **lively conversation**

(good practice to talk in English at a natural speed!)

- **Expressing myself to the world**



3. Connecting with people all over the world

It's almost impossible to go abroad now but...

We can connect with many people from different countries!

We can see **listeners data** (ex: nationality, gender, age...).

We have listeners from **over 30 countries!**

(US, UK, India, Norway, Macedonia...)

We also received some **comments from listeners** (really motivating) !

The podcast class continues

We got several **new members** in our class !

Some Goals

1. Showing new members` personalities in our podcast
2. Getting more listeners
3. Interviewing medical students abroad

Making the podcast

Starting from zero

Typical Google and Youtube searches

Conclusion

Sign up for



Using Anchor

Free

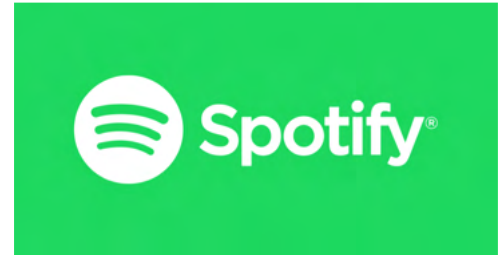
User-friendly

Includes some features to enhance podcast (ex. *transitions*)

Allows for voice messages from listeners

And...

Can be set up to distribute your podcast across multiple platforms



Making the podcast

1. Recording
2. Editing
3. Publishing

Recording

Where

directly through the Anchor site (a small caveat)

Or

1. smart phone (ex. Iphone Voice Memo)
2. ZOOM

Recording

With what

device microphone

or

Upgrade

Blue Yeti USB Microphone



Editing

Anchor caveat

What I tried...

1. Quicktime Player
2. Audacity
3. Garage Band



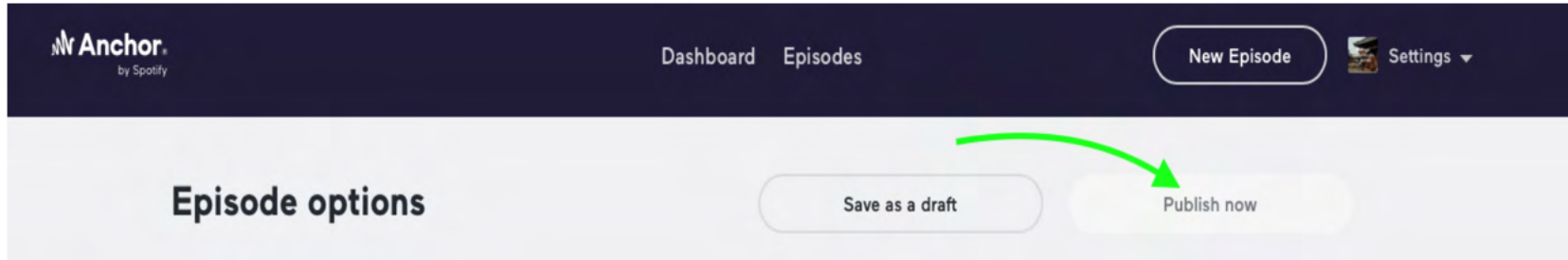
Publishing

A very simple process

1. Return to Anchor site
2. Click "New Episode" button
3. Start uploading (edited) audio files
4. Add transitions
5. Include episode info. (title, description)

Publishing

Click "Publish now"







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By Michael

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Track Data

After publishing the episode

All kinds of fun data on the Anchor site

listener numbers

geographic location

age

gender

listening platform

Thanks for joining our presentation!

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