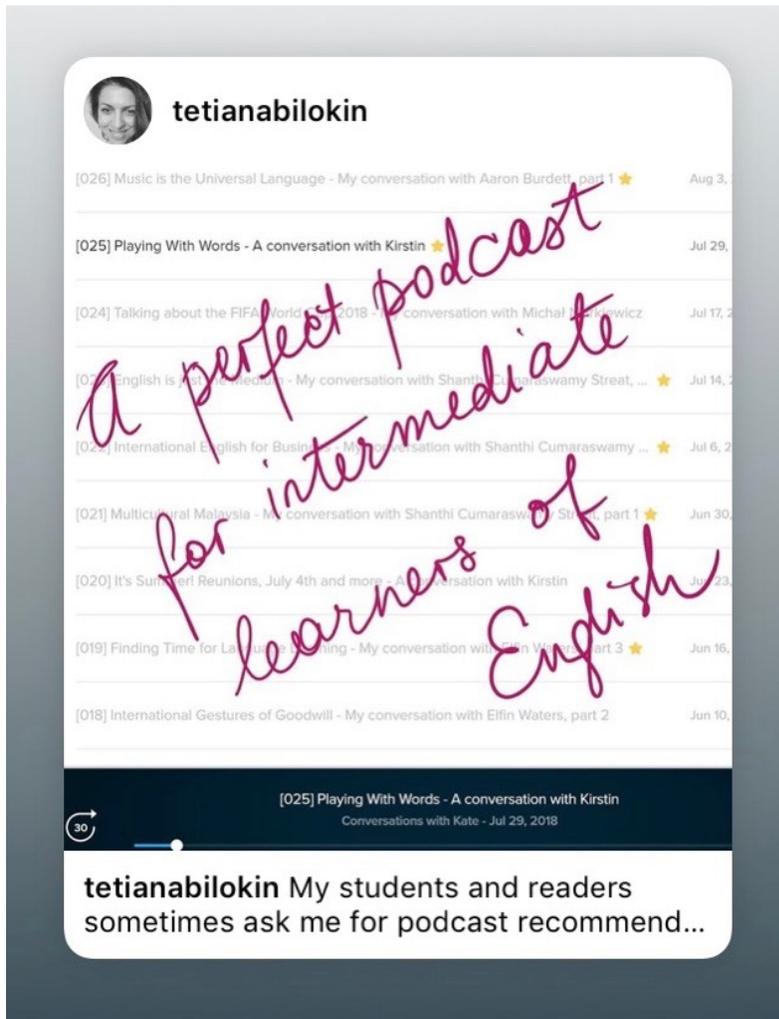


My students and readers sometimes ask me for podcast recommendations.



Today I want to tell you about one of my favorite podcasts - "Conversations with Kate" -

[@conversationskate](#).

I'll explain why I think it's perfect for intermediate learners of English, and how you can "squeeze it" for maximum usefulness.

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The host of the podcast is Kate Fisher, a teacher of English as a Foreign Language who lives in the USA, has extensive experience of learning foreign languages, is an excellent conversationalist and an amazing person.

What I appreciate about her podcast is that it's a conversation, not a speech. Unlike speeches on TED, you can hear both answers AND questions. The language is also more informal. That means that you'd be better prepared for everyday interactions, and you can "borrow" these phrases for your own conversations.

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You can hear that in real life people don't talk like in an interrogation "question-answer". Instead, they talk more naturally: "question/reaction" -> "reaction+story". When you listen, you understand that conversations are stories that people are trying to tell or hear. And that listening is a huge part of a conversation, too.

The other thing I love about her podcast is that you can get more from her episodes than just passive listening. What if you want to see the words people are saying? - here's a script. What phrases are most useful or difficult to understand? - here's a glossary. How can I activate what I learned? - answer the questions in the community.

If you subscribe to her newsletter, every month you'll get one episode guide for free. When you join her online community on Patreon, you'll get access to all her lesson guides with transcripts and other perks.

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My reply: Thank you for this kind and extensive review of the podcast. I like the way you see the conversations as storytelling. That's how the podcast started. Every week one of my clients asked me to tell her a story. I started recording them and creating transcripts. After awhile, it occurred to me that working with conversations would be much more helpful for my clients because engaging in English conversations was more important to them than polishing their presentations. • It is fun to talk with my sister, Kirstin, and it gives listeners practice in understanding the Midwestern American accent. I've also been privileged to talk with both native and non-native English speakers from different places around the world. Everyone has an interesting story to tell and I hope that we are promoting Global English by tuning our ear to understand English in the many ways that it is spoken. • Thank you for sharing some of your stories and teaching us about Ukraine.

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On June 1, 2019, Tetiana wrote:

Not long ago I wrote about one of the best podcasts for English learners ([@conversationskate](#)). I love it for the warm atmosphere, interesting topics, variety of accents, the scope of vocabulary, and an opportunity to join the community and to get episode guides etc.