



Spoken Word:

Spreading the word

Written documents demand the ability to read and write. Even in the UK most people could not read or write even only 150 years ago. Readers and writers were powerful people. Then a technology to record and distribute sound was developed: radio. Suddenly everyone could listen!



In this module

In this module you will look at some of these issues:

The early years of radio:

Who actually developed radio and when did it become useful for ordinary people?

Making a speaker:

Every radio has a loudspeaker to convert electrical signals into sound. In this practical you will make your own speaker and try to improve the sounds coming from it.

Catch me on my mobile:

You've probably got a mobile phone... many people have two! In this activity you will construct a survey to find out how people use their mobiles. And how they choose which one to buy in the first place.

Mobile millions:

So how many mobile phones are there in the whole world? We don't know - but this activity will give you some clues.

Words with power:

This is the story of how a radio play caused panic in New York. People thought the Earth was being invaded by Martians. The roads were blocked by traffic as New Yorkers fled the city. Could it happen again? In this activity you will develop your own radio broadcast - can you produce the same powerful reaction?