



## THE PODCAST ABOUT LINGUISTIC DISCRIMINATION

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**The Vocal Fries Podcast** is the podcast about linguistic discrimination. Learn about how we judge other people's speech as a sneaky way to be racist, sexist, classist, etc. **Carrie Gillon** and **Megan Figueroa** teach you how to stop being an accidental jerk. Episodes release every two weeks.

## WHERE IS THE VOCAL FRIES PODCAST ONLINE?

**Listen:** Fireside | iTunes/iOS | Stitcher | YouTube | Google Play

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## HOST BIOS

**Carrie Gillon** is a former professor of linguistics who is primarily interested in indigenous languages of North America. She also worries about linguistic discrimination and the harm it can do to most people. She is also the co-founder of Quick Brown Fox Consulting, where she helps academic professionals with their writing. When she's not podcasting or working with her clients, she's knitting, cuddling with her 5 cats, or reading way too much news.

**Megan Figueroa** has a shiny new PhD in linguistics from the University of Arizona. This podcast is one of the first times her knowledge and skills are proving to be practical. When she's not gently telling people not to be a jerk with Carrie, she's probably cross-stitching, Netflix-binging, hanging out with her dog, or napping.

[thevocalfries.com](http://thevocalfries.com)

# MEDIA COVERAGE



## The Vocal Fries was named #1 best podcast on language by Dictionary.com's A-Z

<http://www.dictionary.com/e/best-podcasts-language/>

"A newer podcast, The Vocal Fries has two female hosts talking about language—and it takes its name from a speaking condition many unfairly accuse female podcast hosts of having. With this tongue-in-cheek spirit, many Vocal Fries episodes cover issues of gender in language as well as other very contemporary topics like trans language and regional dialects on the US-Mexico border."

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**Health Communication Partners**, a website and podcast that offers research-based solutions to problems concerning effective communication between providers and patients, wrote about The Vocal Fries in their article "Connect with patients who don't talk like you do"

<https://healthcommunicationpartners.com/connect-patients-dont-talk-like/>

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The Vocal Fries was listed as a standout new podcast in the inaugural **Discover Pods Awards for 2017** roundtable discussion by Brendan Hutchins of Discover Pods

<http://podcastadvocate.network/podcastplaylist/e/35b6ea514b3840/>

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**Tight 5** listed us as their new comedy podcast obsession: "Our favorite podcast right now is the Vocal Fries, a podcast about linguistic discrimination, where Carrie and Megan teach us how to not sound like assholes. Which I think is important now more than ever."

<https://www.facebook.com/Tight5Series/videos/138041786871053/>

## TESTIMONIALS

“Carrie and Megan break down linguistics so everyone can understand the subject matter. It’s fun, informative, and fast paced. I’ve been amazed at how much I’ve learned in a short amount of time and how Carrie and Megan make me so interested in a topic I become a googling maniac. Easily one of my favorite podcasts!”

– **FrannieChickLitMMPodcast**

“Love these ladies! They provide some really valuable information that helps listeners to be better informed global citizens. For those wanting to be better allies and more self-aware of biases that society creates, this is an awesome resource. They also have great chemistry, so listening to them is engaging and delightful.”

– **Jennifer A. Tierney**

“*The Vocal Fries Podcast* is an absolute must-listen for anyone even moderately interested in issues of language and discrimination. They discuss relevant issues from a position of great expertise (they are both PhDs in linguistics) and also a biting sense of humor infused with contagious positivism. This is by far one of the most informative and entertaining podcasts you will ever find. A+” - **Sukosuti**

## AUDIENCE

**The Vocal Fries’** audience includes linguists, people who want to be linguists, and people who are generally interested in language and/or discrimination. Linguistics, anthropology, and communications professors/instructors have used episodes of our podcast in their classes in order to make their content more accessible to their students. One anthropology instructor, who was teaching a course which had no prerequisites and was thus available to a wide range of students, said, “Having access to a podcast like Vocal Fries allowed me to deliver online content to my students in a more accessible way, making it easier for all of my students to engage with the course throughout the semester”. One linguistics professor also said they use The Vocal Fries for their outreach activities to both high school and college-aged students.



# RELEASE SCHEDULE

## PREVIOUS RELEASES

July 15, 2017  
July 31, 2017  
September 4, 2017  
September 17, 2017  
October 1, 2017  
October 15, 2017  
October 29, 2017  
November 12, 2017  
November 26, 2017  
December 10, 2017  
December 31, 2017  
January 14, 2018  
January 28, 2018  
February 11, 2018  
February 25, 2018  
March 11, 2018  
March 25, 2018  
April 8, 2018  
April 22, 2018  
May 6, 2018  
May 20, 2018  
June 3, 2018  
June 17, 2018  
June 27, 2018  
July 1, 2018  
July 15, 2018

## UPCOMING RELEASES

July 30, 2018  
August 13, 2018  
August 27, 2018  
September 10, 2018  
September 24, 2018  
October 8, 2018  
October 22, 2018  
November 5, 2018  
November 19, 2018  
December 3, 2018  
December 17, 2018  
[break for the holidays]  
January 7, 2019  
[every 2 weeks thereafter]



# ACCESSIBILITY

We are adding transcripts as we can; all current transcripts are available at <https://vocalfriespod.tumblr.com/tagged/transcript>  
Future transcripts will be posted here as well.

Most YouTube videos have captioning  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC47Zdhgg7rX3bBK\\_4DMdL9Q/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC47Zdhgg7rX3bBK_4DMdL9Q/videos)

## SELECT EPISODES

**Content Note:** Our show has an explicit rating, as we do swear from time to time.

**Episode 1: Uppity Women** - In this episode Carrie and Megan discuss the dreaded vocal fry. We explain what vocal fry actually is, who uses it (cough everyone cough), and why we judge only women for using it. We ask you to stop judging women for using vocal fry - it's a proxy for sexism and anyway, it's everywhere.  
<https://vocalfriespod.fireside.fm/1>

**Episode 22: There Is No Try, There Is Only Du...olingo** - Carrie and Megan talk with Joan Palmiter Bajorek, PhD candidate at the University of Arizona, about the issues around learning a second language via educational technology. <https://vocalfriespod.fireside.fm/22>

**Episode 24: Don't Mind the Gap** - Megan and Carrie talk with Dr. Nelson Flores, newly minted Associate Professor of Educational Linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania about the so-called 30 million word gap, why it is problematic, and how better to think about the language children hear around them.  
<https://vocalfriespod.fireside.fm/25>