

Join in the fun!



Fancy having a go as a comedy sketch performer?

At Clever Little Pod, we're always looking for new voices to keep the show sounding vibrant and fresh.

Who can do it?

Anyone at all! We're not looking for great actors, perfect voices or a talent for comedy – just enthusiasm and the willingness to have a go.

Do I have to change my voice?

It's up to you. You can be yourself, put on an accent or transform your voice completely – whatever you like. All we ask is that you don't take it too seriously: the whole point is to have fun!

Do I need an expensive microphone?

Absolutely not. If you can record your voice on the computer, you can take part. If the recording is low quality, it can still be used – we just have to work that into the script.

So how do I get involved?

So we get the right script for you, we'll need to hear a sample of your voice. Over the page, we've written a few notes to help you. Then, just get recording and send us the result!

Will you use the sample on the show?

No. We'll only use this to work out how you can join in – so just have fun with it. And don't worry about feeling silly – speaking into a microphone is a strange experience if you're not used to it, and takes some courage!

What if I think it's rubbish?

Send it anyway. We'll give you some honest feedback. But the chances are that it's better than you think. Remember – we're not looking for perfection: it's a podcast, not BBC Radio 4!

So what do I do now?

See over the page for a few tips and scripts to read out. Then send it in!

Below is a standard script that you can use for your recording. *You don't have to use this script.* You could read from a book, a play – anything you like. We've just included this as an example.

We recommend you record it once in your own voice, and then – if you want to try a character – read it again in the new voice. Remember it doesn't have to be perfect!!

Our script:

“Hello. Last week I had to go to the doctor's because of – well, let's just call it an “ailment”. A very uncomfortable “ailment”. Let's just say if it was my birthday, I wouldn't want the bumps.

I don't like ringing up for an appointment with our doctor now, because you have to describe your condition to the receptionist. Mine just laughs and slams the phone down.

Anyway, I eventually got an appointment. By that time I was so ill I had to drag myself to the surgery. I should have just driven...

I hate that surgery. It always feels like Guinness is attempting the world record for 'Most Mangy-looking People in a Room'.”

When you have finished your recording, attach it to an email and send it to garydring@yahoo.com

If you can, try to send it in MP3 format. You can send it in WAV format, but the file is likely to be very large, so the email may be rejected. If you have any problems getting the file to us, let us know and we'll find another way.

Tell us a bit about yourself in the email, and what sort of things you'd like to do on the show. We'll get back to you as soon as we can, usually within a day or two.

Have fun, and we hope to hear you on the show very soon!

Best wishes,

Gary :o)

