

Peadar O' Guilín



Peadar Ó Guilín is an Irish novelist whose novel, *The Call*, is a new addition to the list of prescribed texts for Junior Cycle English for **students presenting for examination in 2024, 2025, and 2026**. The novel is a dystopian adventure exploring themes of courage, disability, love, resilience and societal expectations. This Arts in Junior Cycle podcast has been created with the JCT English team.



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Podcast | Reflection Questions

You may find some of the following reflection questions useful. The suggested questions and activities below are a sample of how this podcast, featuring Peadar Ó Guilín, can be incorporated into your classroom practice. In adapting this resource for your students, you should consider the age and stage of the students within your school context.



Before Listening

- Think about your favourite book. What elements helped to make it an enjoyable read?
- *The Call* is full of suspense. Suggest some ways that writers create suspense in their work.



During Listening

- In the podcast, Peadar discusses his inspiration for writing. What inspires you?
- Peadar mentions the 'What if' technique in science fiction. What is the technique and how could you use it in your own work?
- Peadar describes how every writer employs different approaches to the writing process. Name one approach that he mentions.



After Listening

- Peadar points out that it is important to be excited about what you write. What would you like to write about?
- Feedback is an important part of the writing process. What steps do you take to act on the feedback that you receive?

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