



# PodPack

## Radio Stars

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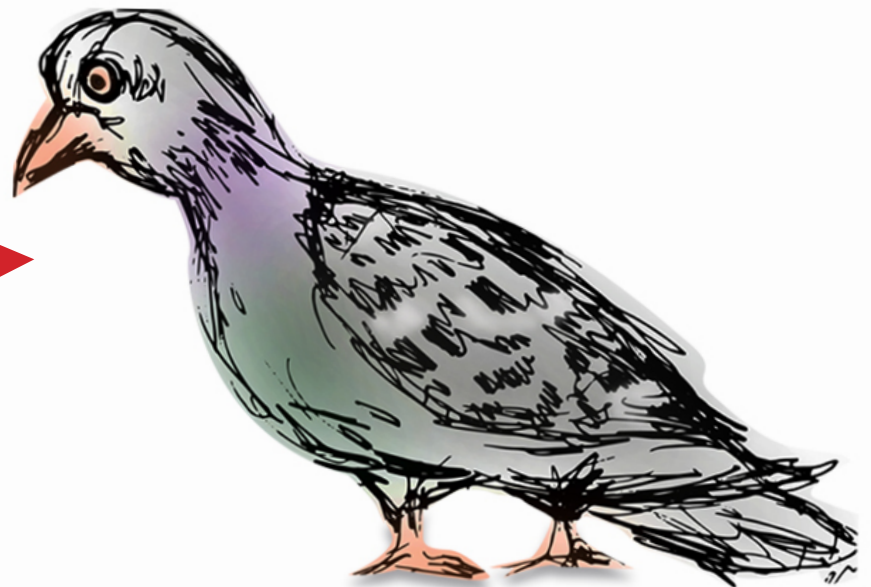
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Welcome to the  
*Kids' Poetry Club*  
PodPack on  
**Radio Stars!**



**Every episode of *Kids' Poetry Club* comes with a free PodPack of activities based on that week's poems.**

**Just download it from [kidspoetryclub.com](http://kidspoetryclub.com), print it out, and join in the fun!**

**Check out the final page for information on how to submit your own poems and drawings to *Kids' Poetry Club*!**

## Activity 1: Radio Gifts

In the episode, Queenie returns from a tour of the radio station with some gifts, including a t-shirt for Little Dazzy Donuts. It's of Tom and Art, and the "Tom and Art Drive-Time Show". It includes their tag-line of "You're in the know, with the Tom and Art Show." Imagine what the t-shirt looked like, and draw it in the space below. Include how you picture Tom and Art at the radio station.



## Activity 2: Some Radio Facts

**During Queenie's tour of the radio station, she learned a lot about radio and its history. She made a note of what she learned, and they are typed up below.**

1. Radios work by receiving signals that are broadcast from a transmitter. Depending on the station's frequency and the strength of the signal, the station could be as close as in the same town as the radio, or could be in a different country, or even a different continent.
2. Radios typically pick up stations on different bands. The most common are AM (which stands for Amplitude Modulation), and FM (Frequency Modulation). In some locations, radios can pick up digital stations, or stations that are many hundreds of miles away via Short Wave.
3. Radio was invented to send telegraph (non-voice) messages without the use of wires, and the transmission of voices was introduced later.
4. In the United States, Canada and a few other countries, radio stations are given call signs, which are usually four letters that only that station can use. In the United States, with just a few rare exceptions, stations east of the Mississippi River have call signs that start with the letter W, and those west of the Mississippi start with the letter K.

## Activity 3: A Poem To Read

### “My Radio”

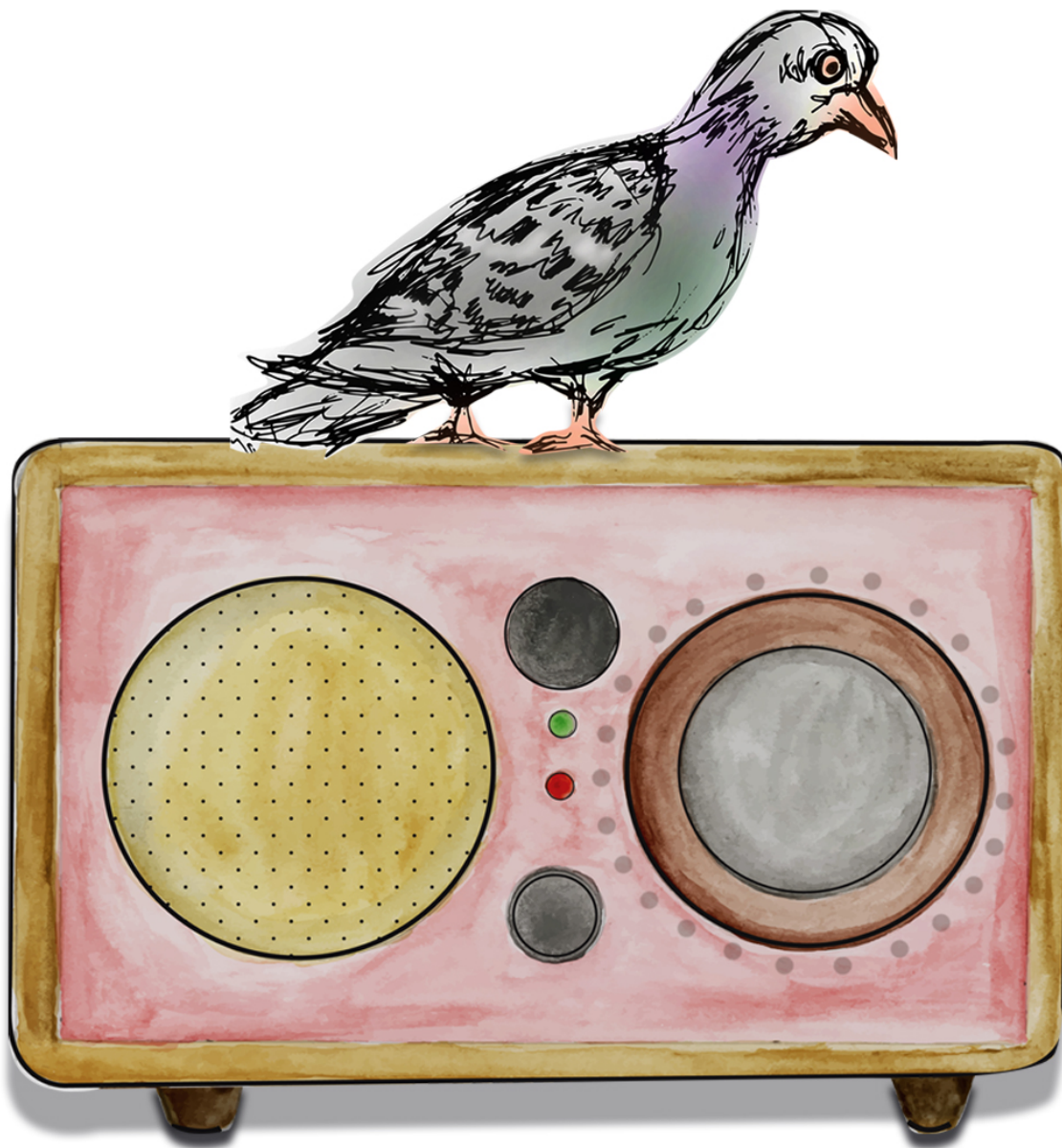
AM. FM. Digital.  
I’m scanning just for fun.  
I listen to a hundred stations.  
Never settle just on one.

Sports talk, classical, 80s,  
then jazz followed by rock.  
In the afternoon, it’s chart hits,  
soft ballads and hip-hop.

I wake up to the radio,  
and it’s on when I go to bed.  
It doesn’t matter if I turn it off,  
I’ll still hear it in my head.

I’ll tune in for the traffic,  
and to hear the local news.  
Or I’ll tune into a far off station,  
from a country that I choose.

I’ve listened since I was a kid.  
For sure, I’ll never end.  
When I’m all alone, and no one calls,  
the radio’s my friend.



## Activity 4: Competition

The latest *Kids' Poetry Club* competition is on the topic of gratitude - and so covers what you are thankful for, grateful for, and appreciative of. This broad topic gives you plenty of scope to write a poem or create a piece of art. Use the space below to write your poem, or create your art, and then talk with a parent or guardian about sending it into the competition.



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Submit your own poems (including for the competition) and drawings using the website:  
<https://www.kidspoetryclub.com/joinin>

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