

Poker: The Importance of Bluffing

Today's recording is—for a change—not with my voice. We're going to hear a short part of a podcast from [Full Tilt Poker](#). (If you're interested in poker, they have a lot of [recordings](#) about poker that would be good listening practice.)

In the recording, you're going to hear a few professional poker players talking about bluffing. They're native English speakers talking to other native English speakers, so it might be a bit fast. Don't worry if you have to listen to the recording twice to understand it.

After You've Heard the Recording

First, what did you learn from the recording? Did you learn anything? What was the most interesting thing you heard? I was really interested in the reasons they gave on why it can be *good* if someone calls a bluff you make. You lose money, but they think it can make it easier for you to play at that table. Do you remember why that is?