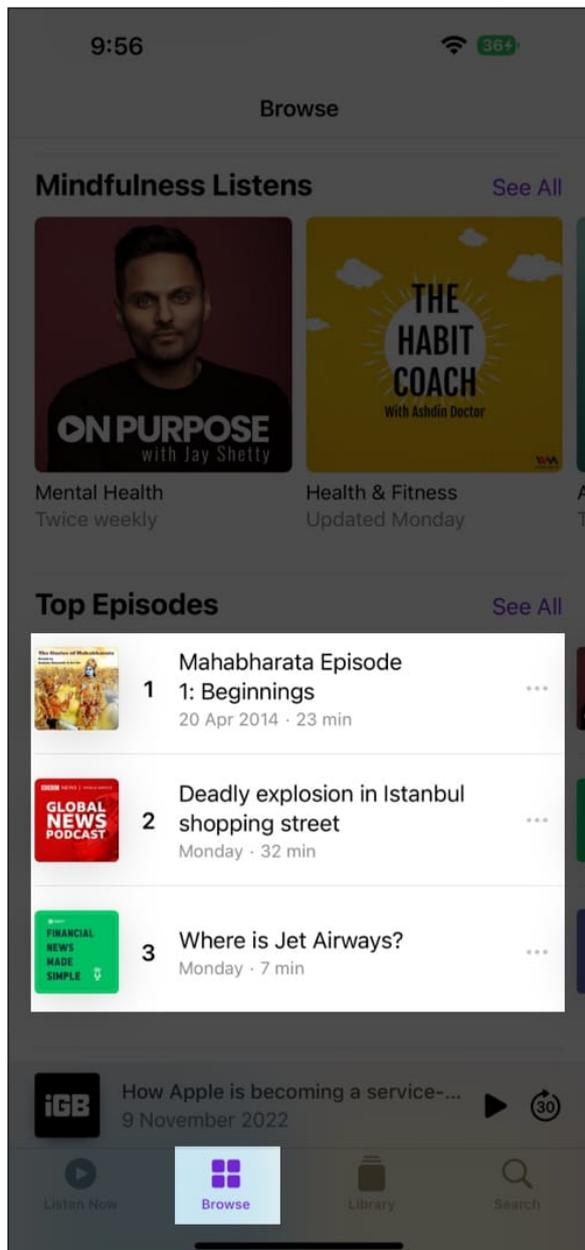


Apple's in-built Podcasts app is feature-rich and a great way to enjoy shows from your favorite creators. The app lets you subscribe to a podcast, download episodes for offline listening, enable Sleep Timer, change playback speed, and much more. In this beginner's guide, let us look at all the basics on how to use the Podcasts app on iPhone and iPad.



## How to listen to podcasts on iPhone

1. Launch the **Podcasts** app.
2. Navigate to **Browse**.
3. Choose a **show** or an **episode** of your choice.



**Note:** Alternatively, you can select an episode from the **Listen Now** tab.

## How to use playback controls in Podcasts app on iPhone

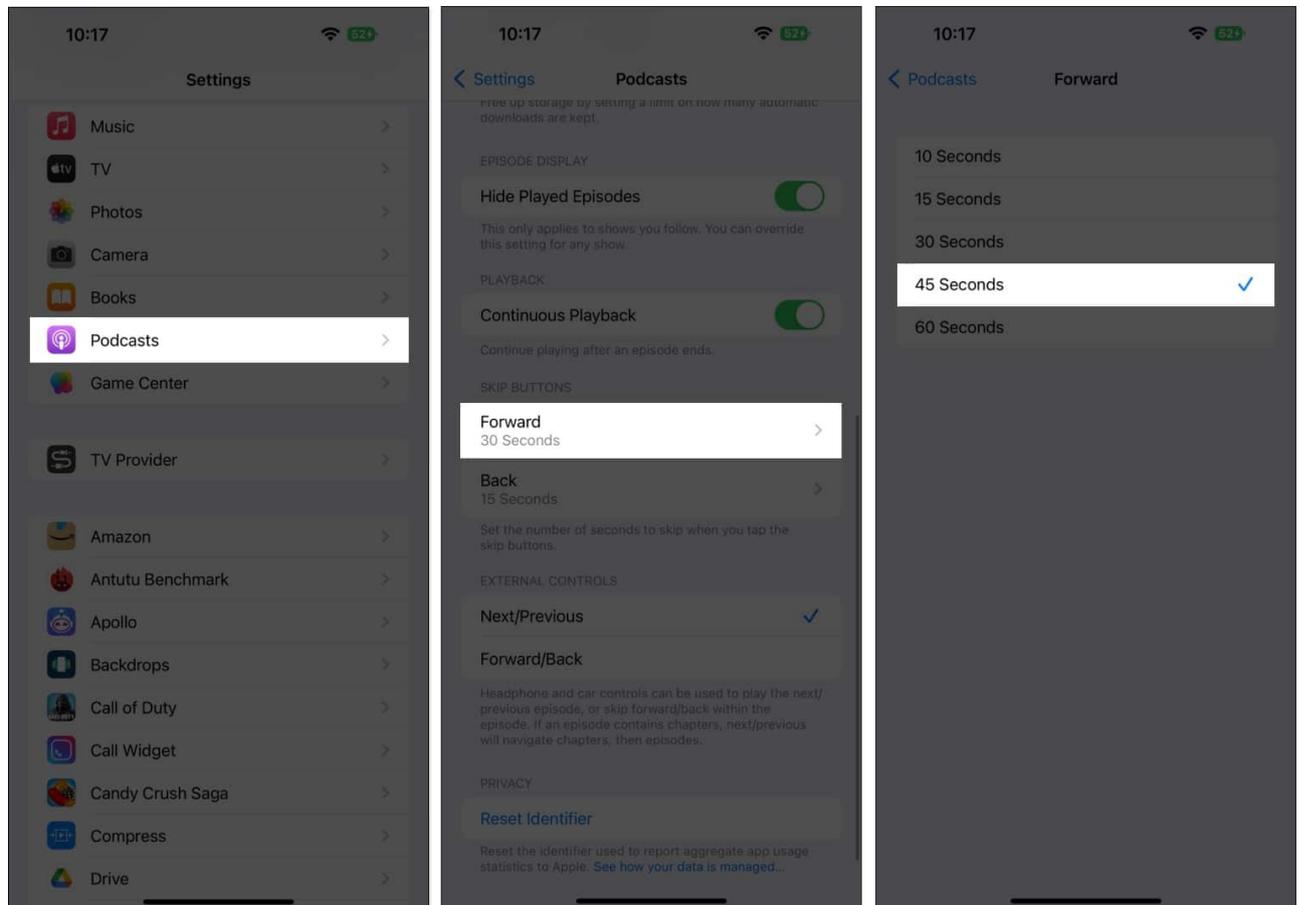
The symbols shown below can be seen on the Playback display of your Podcast screen. Let's take a look at their functionality.

	Play/pause the podcast.
	Skip back/forward the podcast.
	Increase/decrease the podcast speed.
	Stream your podcast to other devices.
	Explore more options for podcasts, such as share or download.
	Set sleep time for your podcast

## Skip Buttons

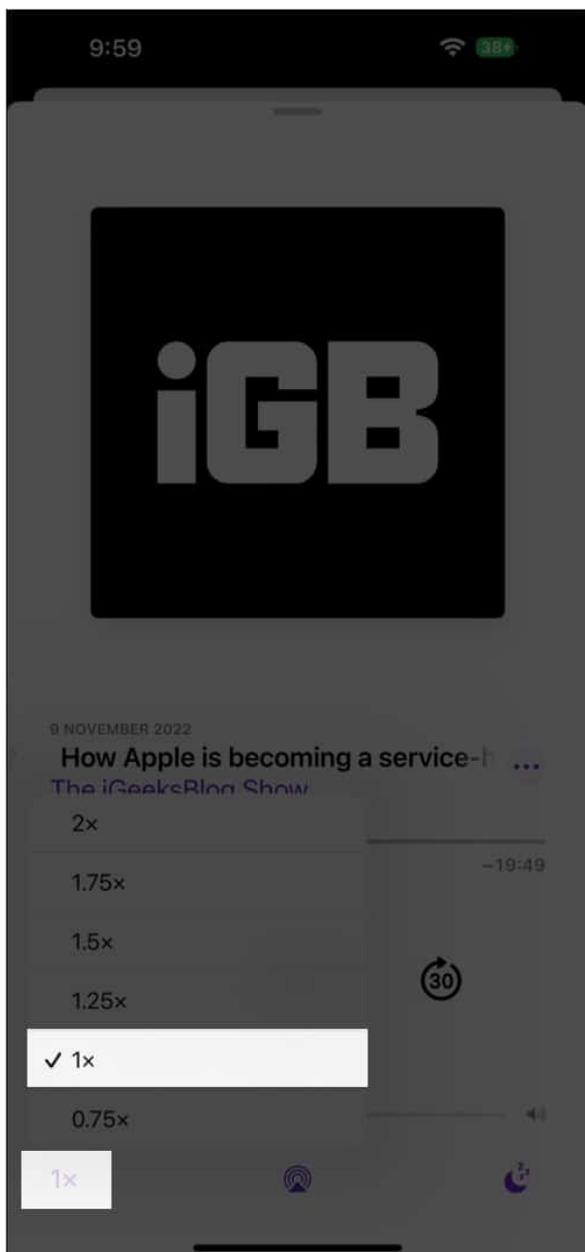
They provide us the ability to fast-forward or rewind the current track.  
To adjust the number of seconds you skip forward or back:

1. Launch the **Settings** app on your iPhone.
2. Scroll down and tap **Podcasts**.
3. Under the Skip Buttons section, enter the **Forward** and **Back** tabs → adjust the number of seconds as per your preference.



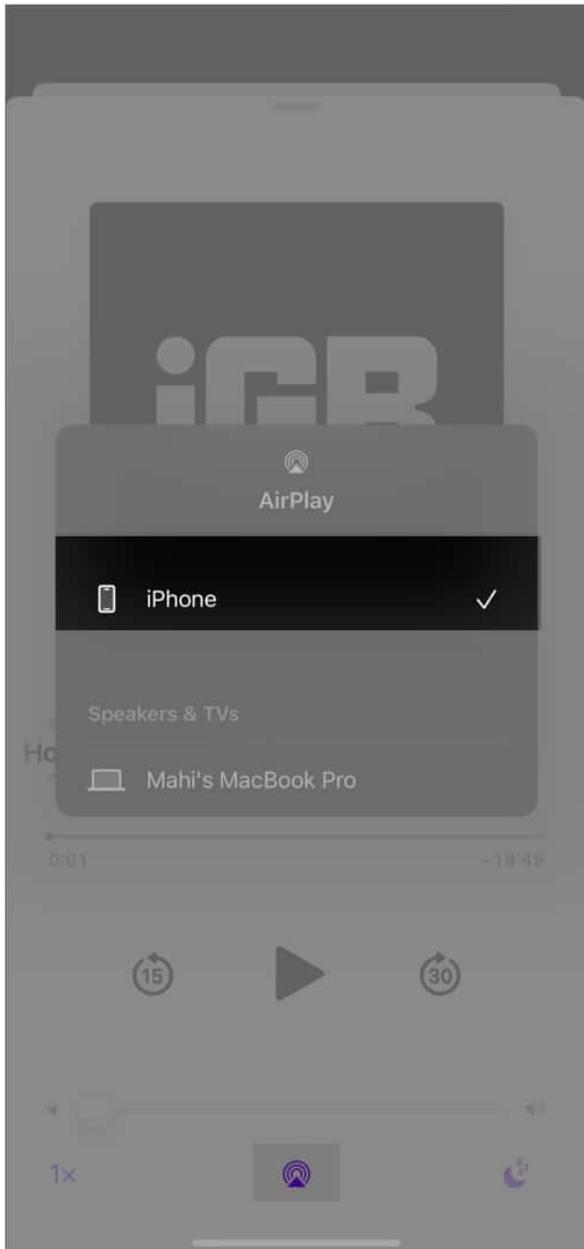
## Podcast Speed

You may adjust the audio speed by hitting the 1x symbol on the podcast playback screen. You have a lot of options, ranging from as low as 0.75x to about 2x.



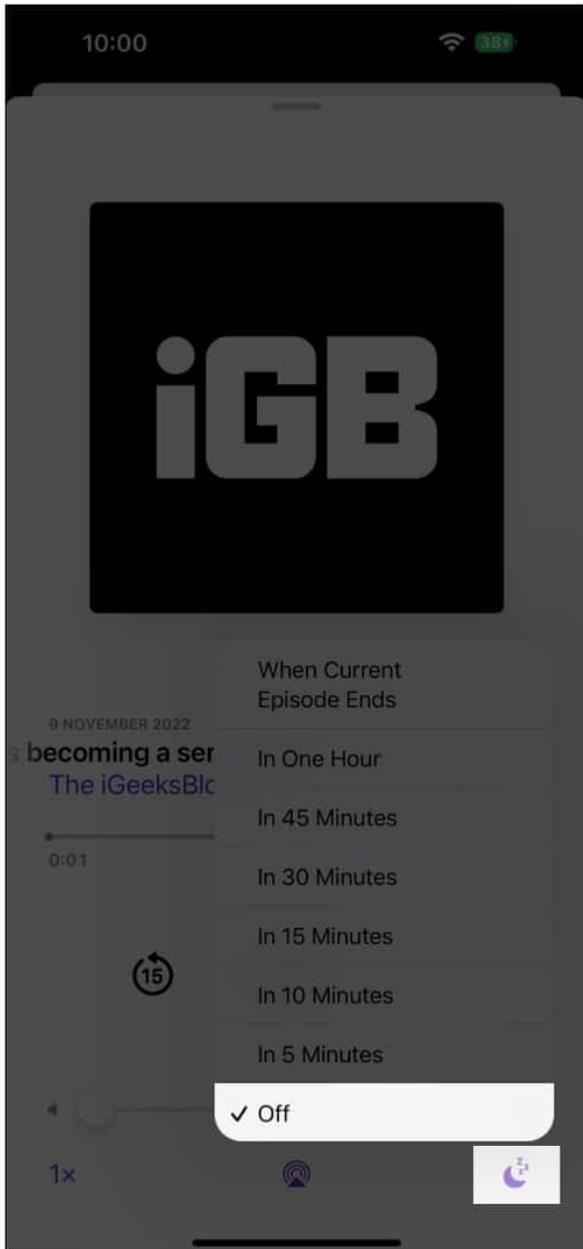
## AirPlay

With a few taps, your screen may mirror the currently playing podcast to the surrounding [Apple devices using the AirPlay](#) icon.



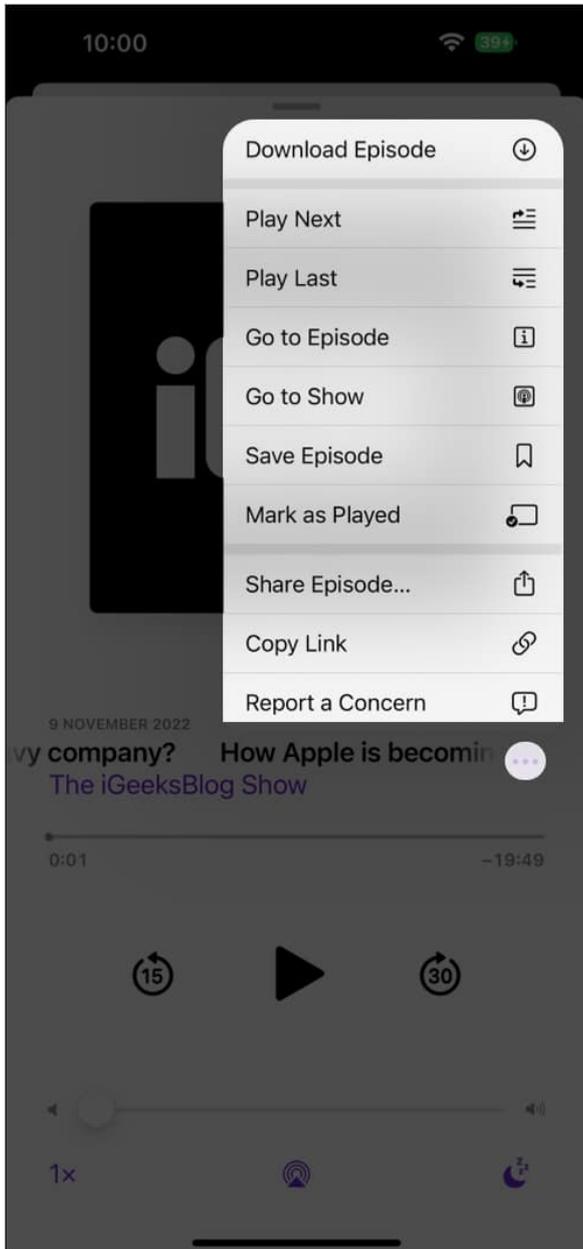
## Sleep timer

The Sleep Timer is especially helpful before night when you want to listen to your favorite podcast but are tired. The function allows you to set a timer for the track, after which it stops playing. By default, the sleep timer will be off. But you can choose between 5 mins, 10 mins, 15 mins, 30 mins, 45 mins, 1 hour.



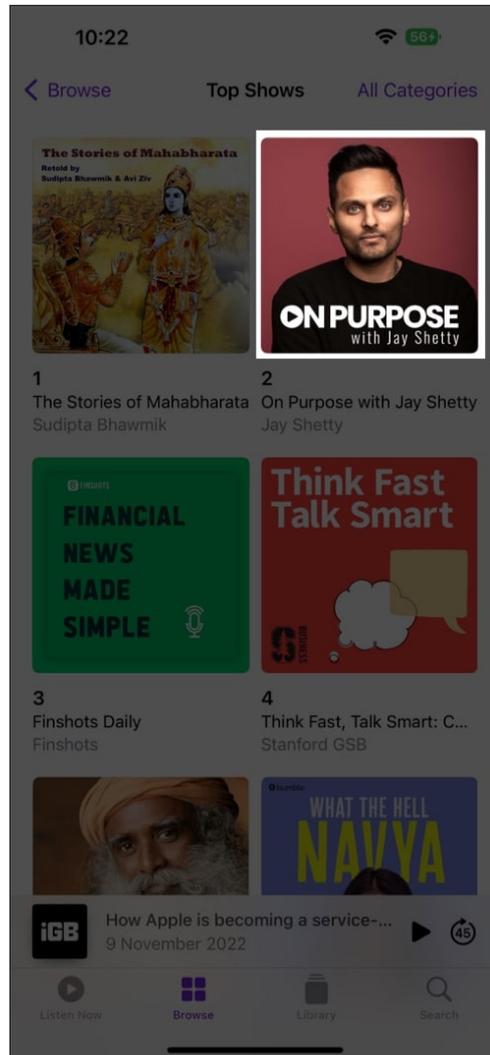
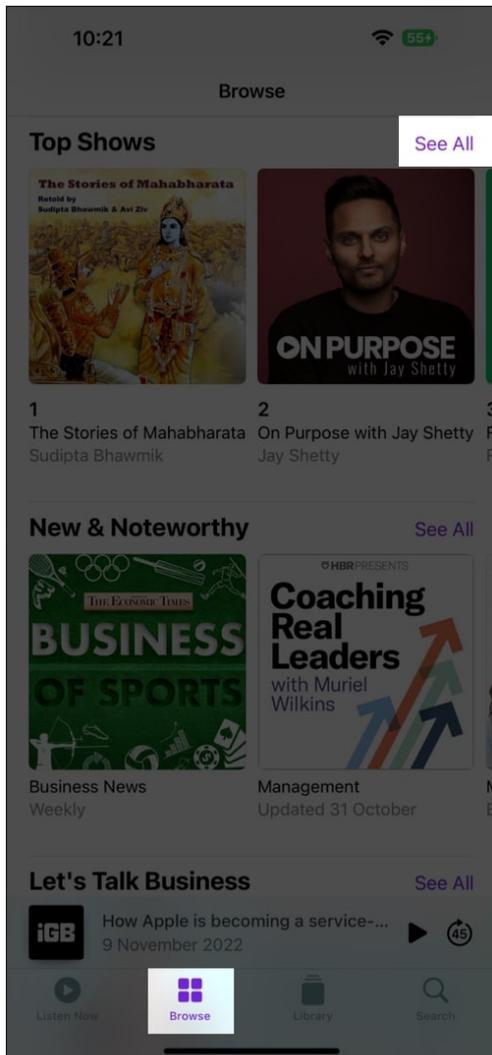
## More button

To get additional settings for the playback screen of your Podcasts app, tap the **three dots** icon on the playback screen. The button consists of settings like play next/last, go to episode/show, save episode, mark as played, share the episode, and many more.

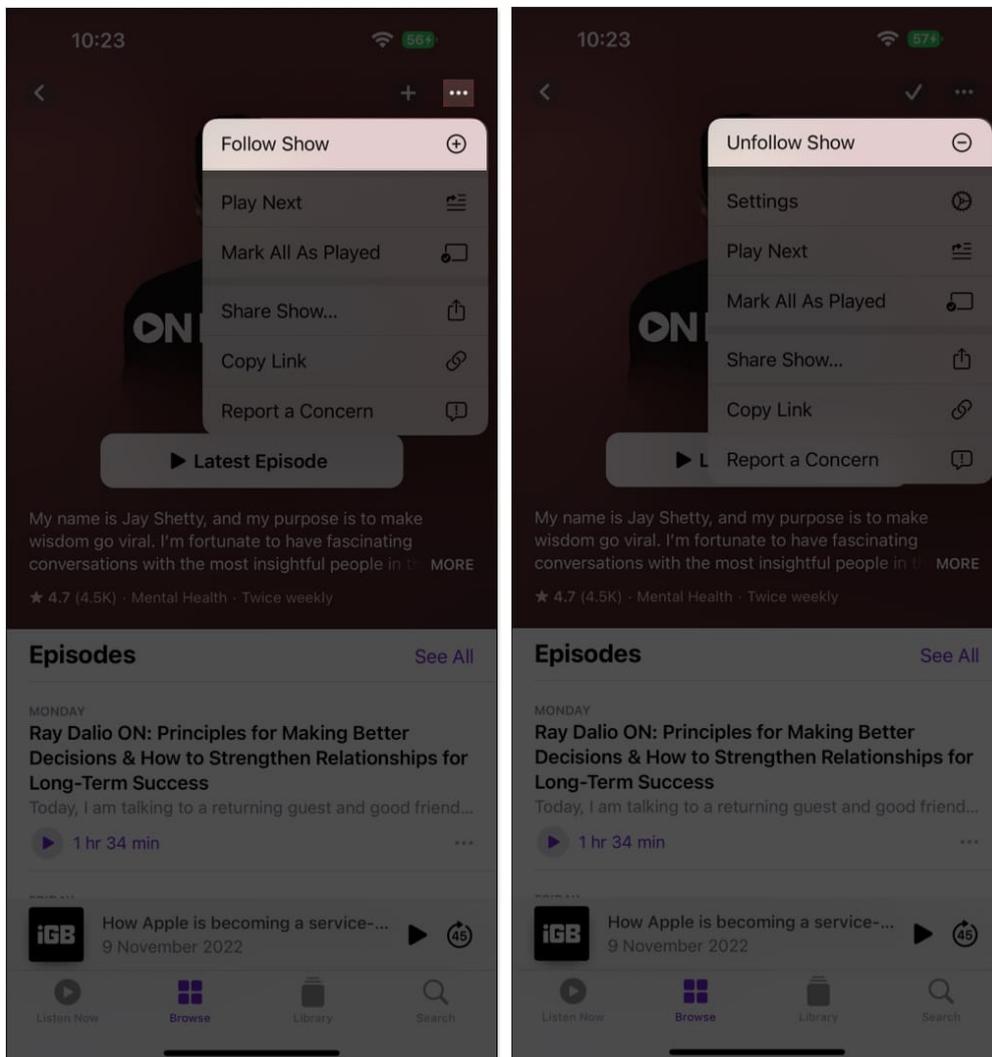


## How to follow or unfollow a podcast on iPhone

1. Launch **Podcasts** → go to **Browse**.
2. Tap **See All** in front of categories name.  
*For example, Top Shows.*
3. Select the **Show**.



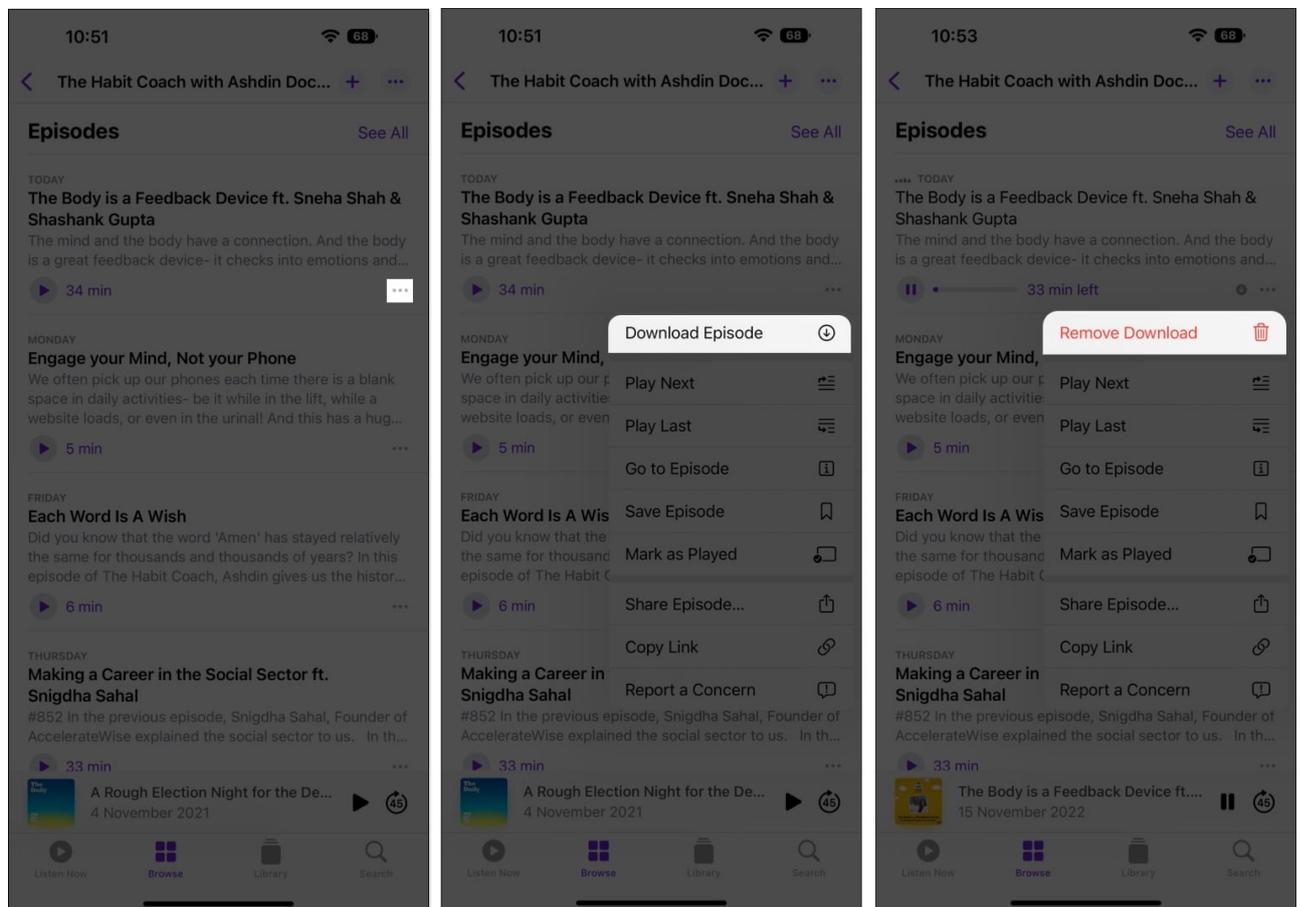
4. Choose **three dots** icon → **Follow/Unfollow Show**.



Alternatively, to unfollow a show, you can head to **Library** → **Shows** → select the **show** → tap the **three dots** icon → **Unfollow Show**.

## How to download or remove podcast episodes from iPhone

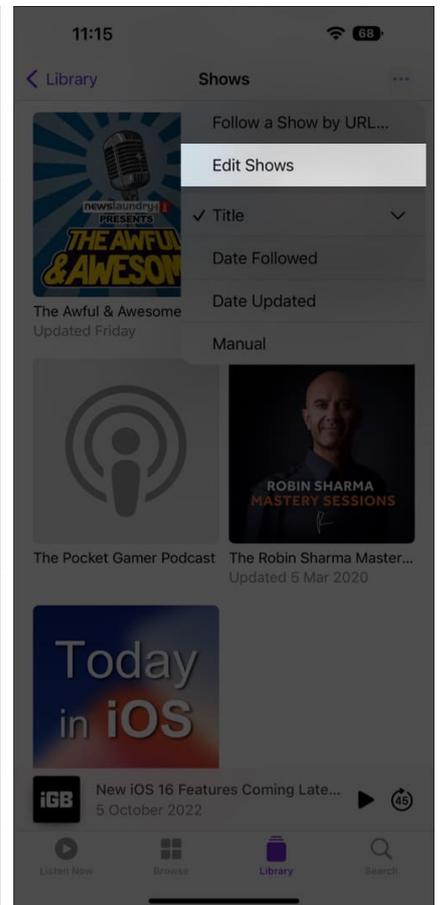
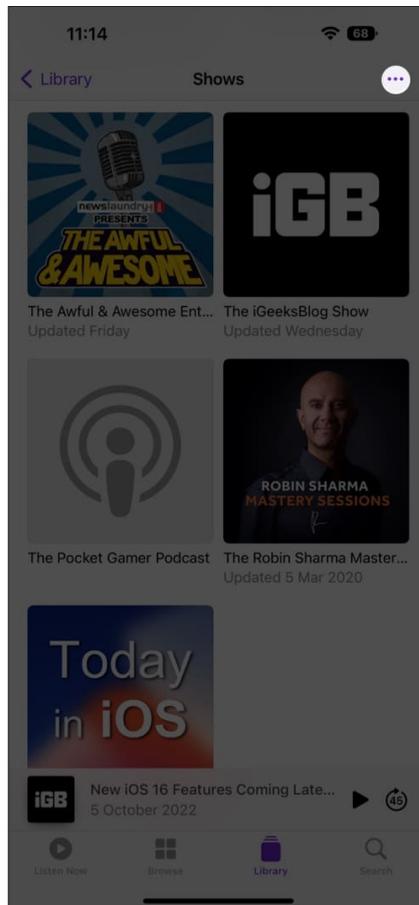
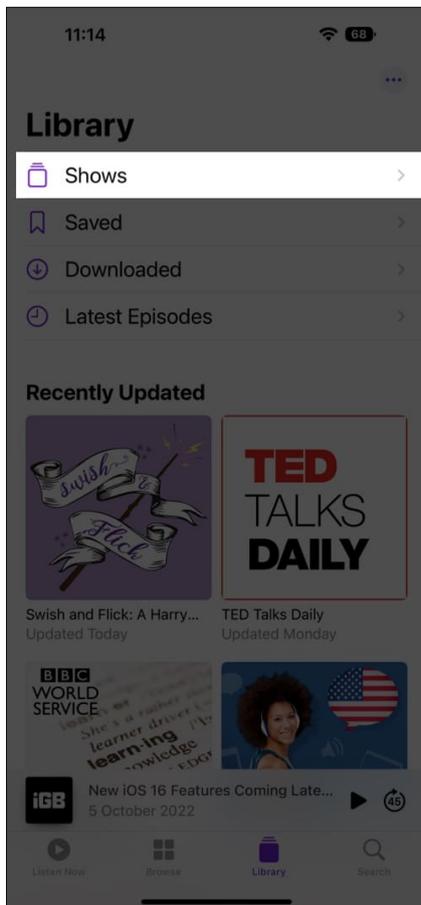
1. Open **Podcasts** → **Browse** → select a **show**.
2. Go to **Episode** → tap the **three dots** icon.
3. Tap **Download Episode/Remove Download**.



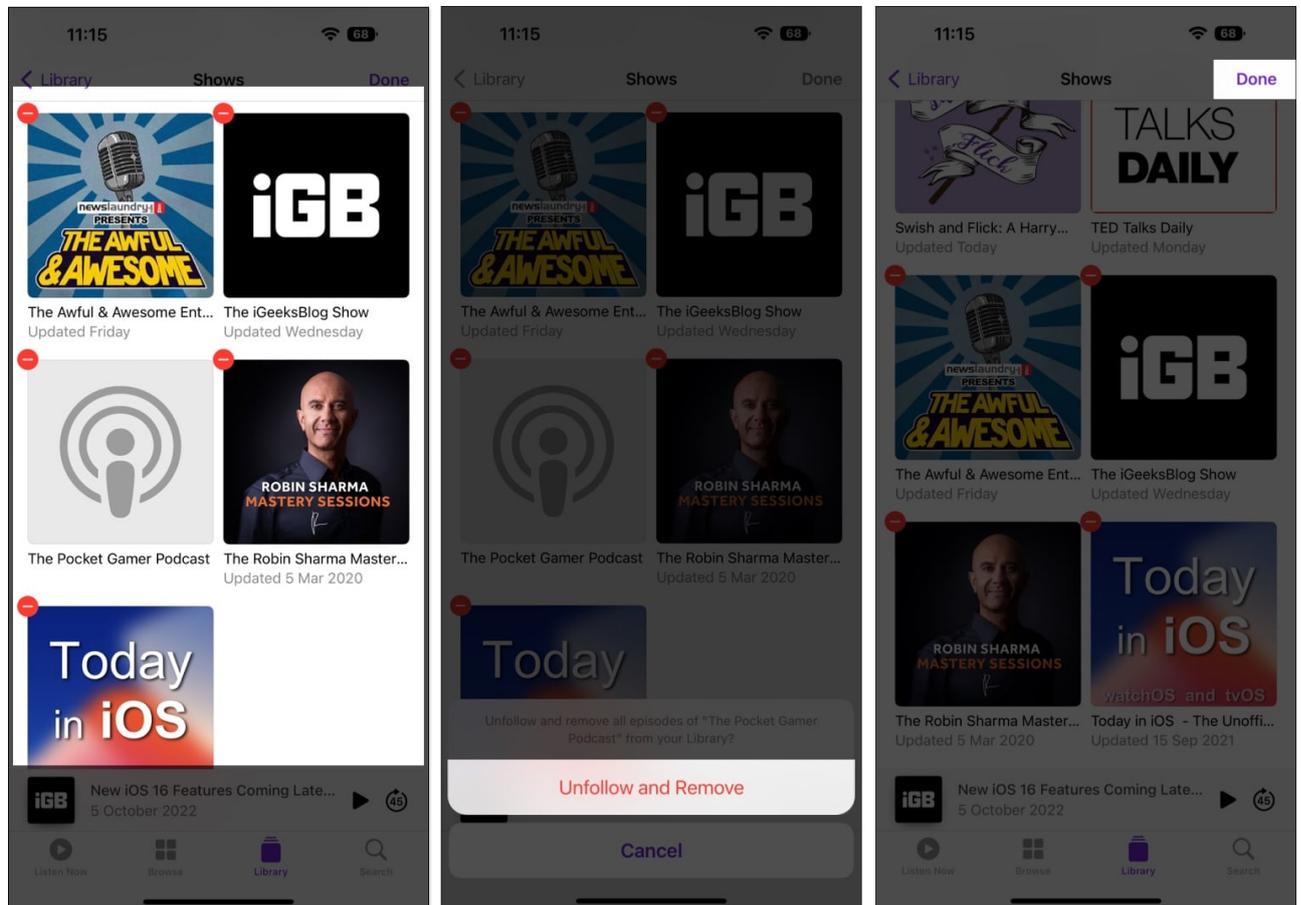
You can also go to **Library** → **Downloaded** → select the **show** → scroll down to the **Episode** → tap the **three dots** icon → **Remove Download**.

## How to delete podcast shows and episodes on iPhone

1. Head to **Podcasts** → **Library** → **Shows**.
2. Select the **three dots** icon → **Edit Shows**.



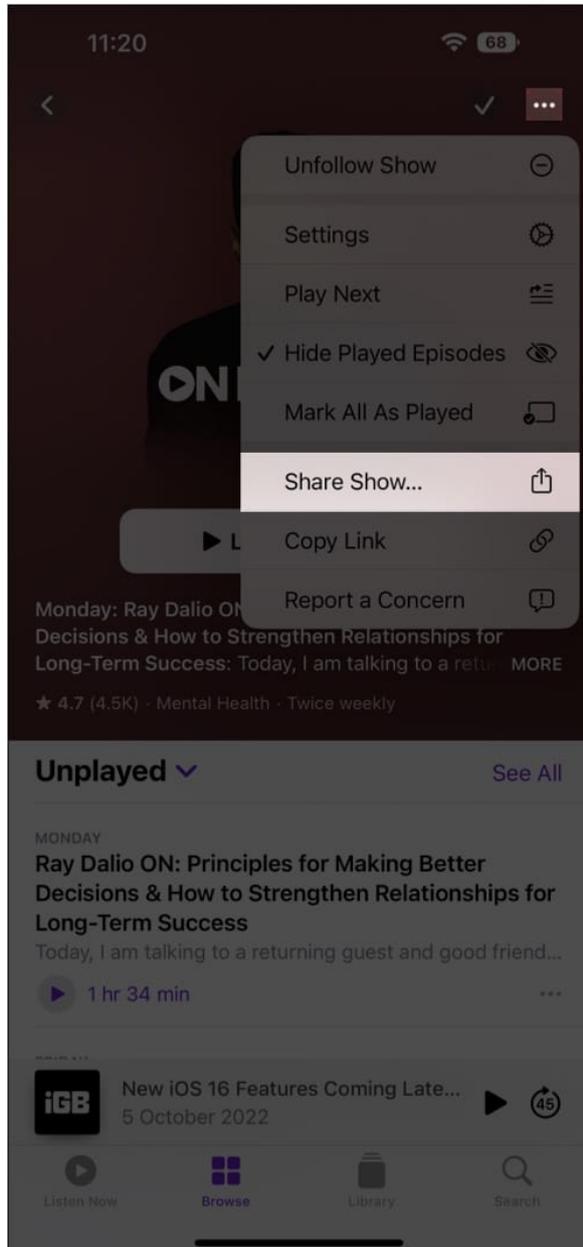
3. Tap the red (-) icons.
4. Choose **Unfollow and Remove → Done**.



## How to share podcast show or episode from iPhone

### Share a podcast show

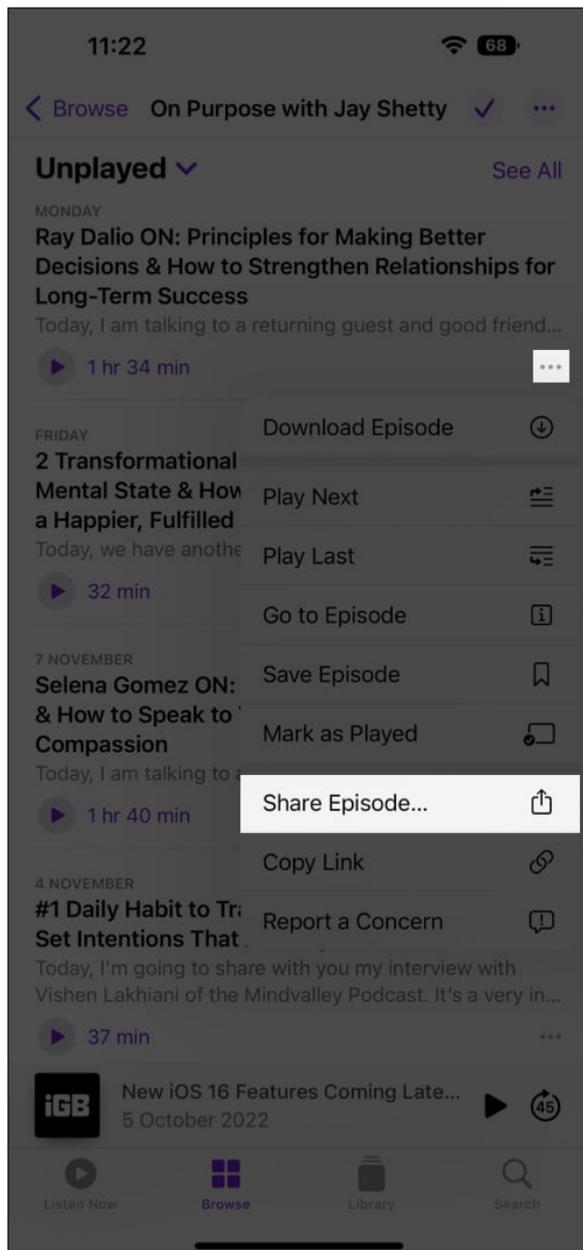
1. Open **Podcasts** → **Browse** → choose your desired **show**.
2. Tap the **three dots** icon → **Share Show**.



Besides this, you can simply hold the show you want to share and tap Share Show from the dialogue box as a shortcut for the above steps.

## Share a podcast episode

1. Go to **Podcasts** → **Browse** → choose your desired **show**.
2. Next to the episode you wish to share, tap the **three dots** icon → **Share Episode**.



You can also follow **Steps 1-2** → then tap and hold the episode → select Copy Link and paste the link on any social site/app and share it.

## How to skip ads during a podcast on iPhone

Even though there are no in-app advertisements, certain podcasters may choose to include sponsor advertisements. All you have to do is repeatedly hit the skip forward symbol to skip

that sponsor segment of the podcast.

## Use Siri to listen to podcasts on iPhone

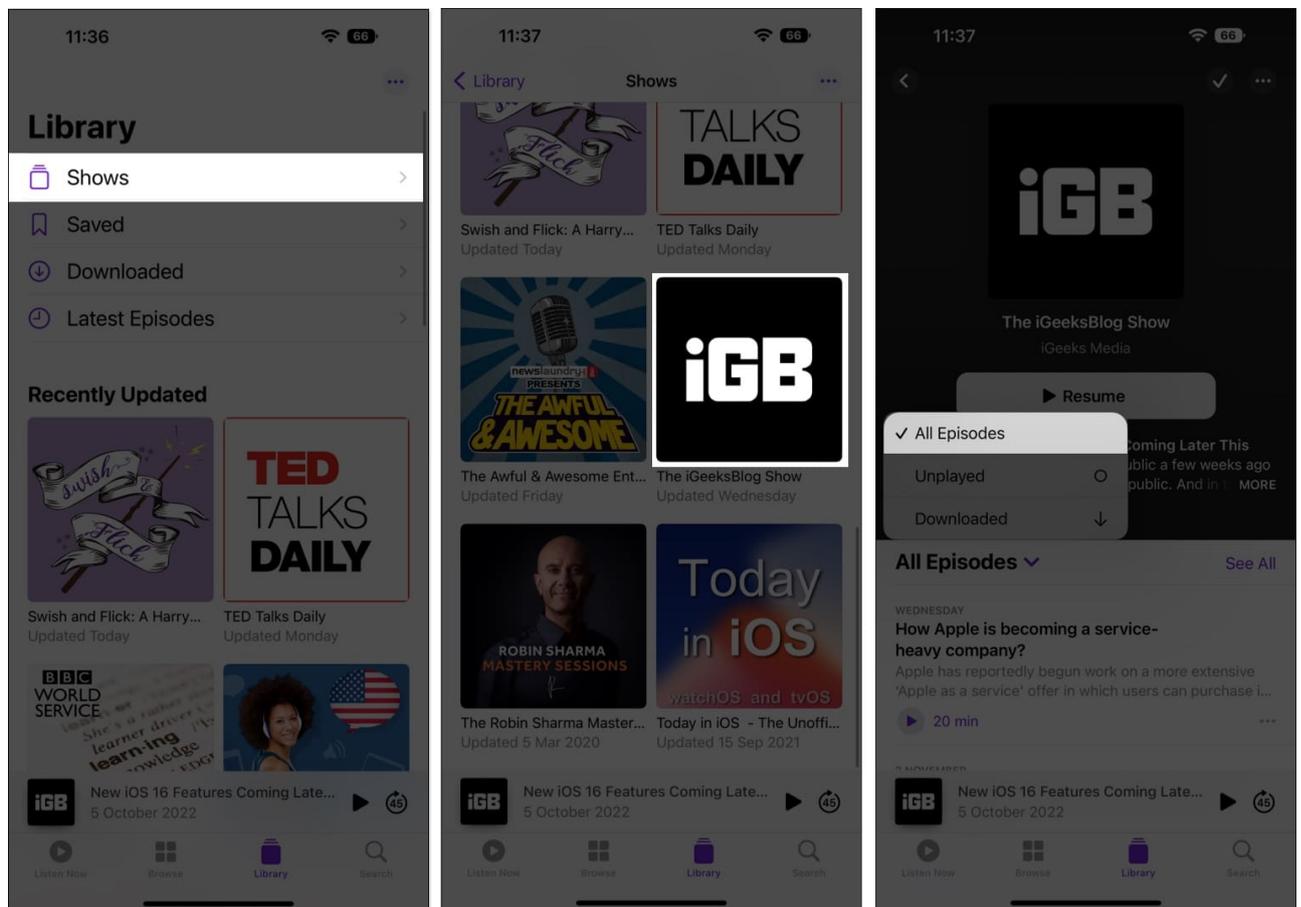
The iPhone's Podcasts app works perfectly with [Siri, a virtual assistant by Apple](#). You may use Siri's hands-free assistance for an episode to perform simple chores such as playing, pausing, skipping, leaping back, and other commands.

A few commands that [Apple](#) allows you to use while playing your favorite podcast using Siri are listed below:

- "Hey Siri, play You're Wrong About podcast."
- "Hey Siri, play the latest episode of Wow in the World."
- "Hey Siri, follow this show."
- "Hey Siri, pause."
- "Hey Siri, rewind 30 seconds."
- "Hey Siri, play this twice as fast."
- "Hey Siri, skip ahead 10 minutes."

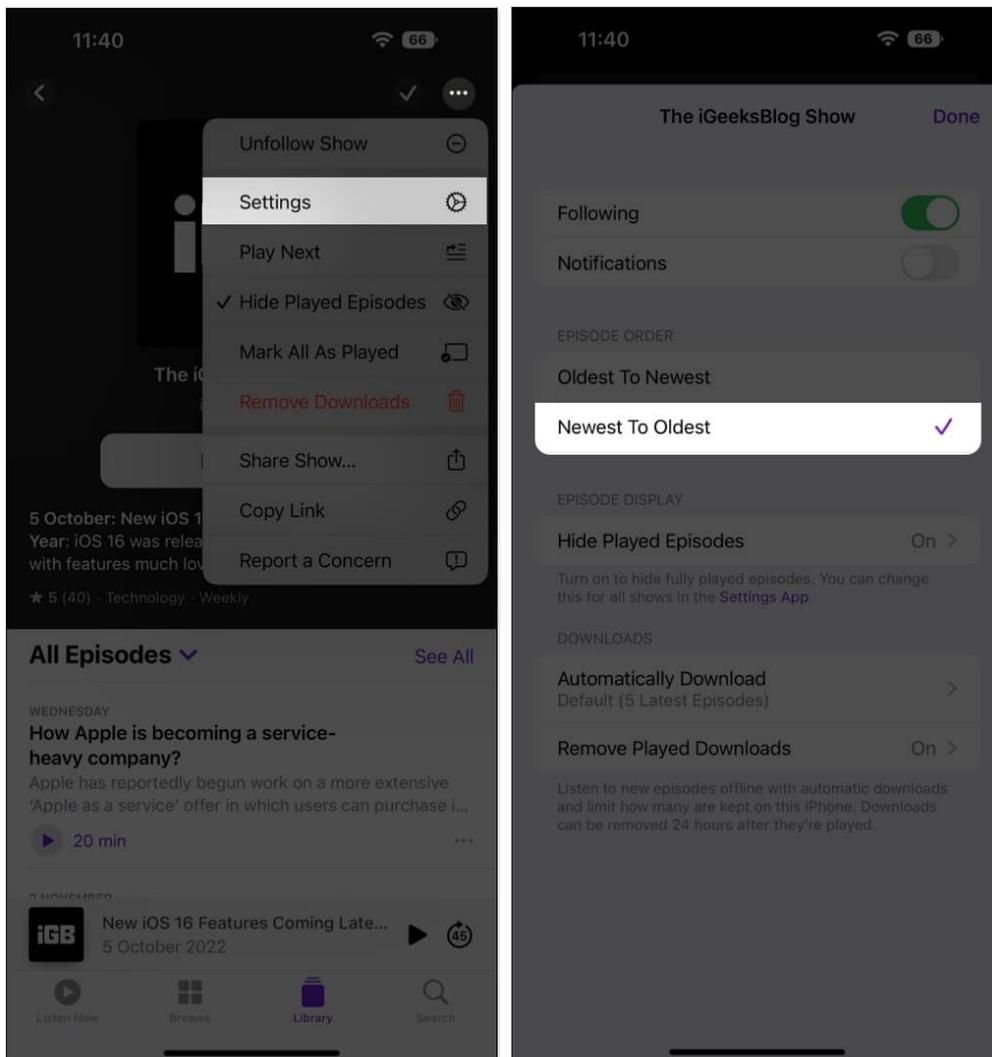
## Filter seasons and episodes in Podcasts app on iPhone

1. Open **Podcasts** → **Library** → **Shows**.
2. Select a **show**.
3. Tap **Season** or **Episodes** and select a filter.



## Choose the episode order in Podcasts app on iPhone

1. Launch **Podcasts** → **Library** → **Shows**.
2. Select a **show** → tap the **three dots** icon.
3. Select **Settings**.
4. Select a **filter** under *episode order*.



## How to view shared podcasts

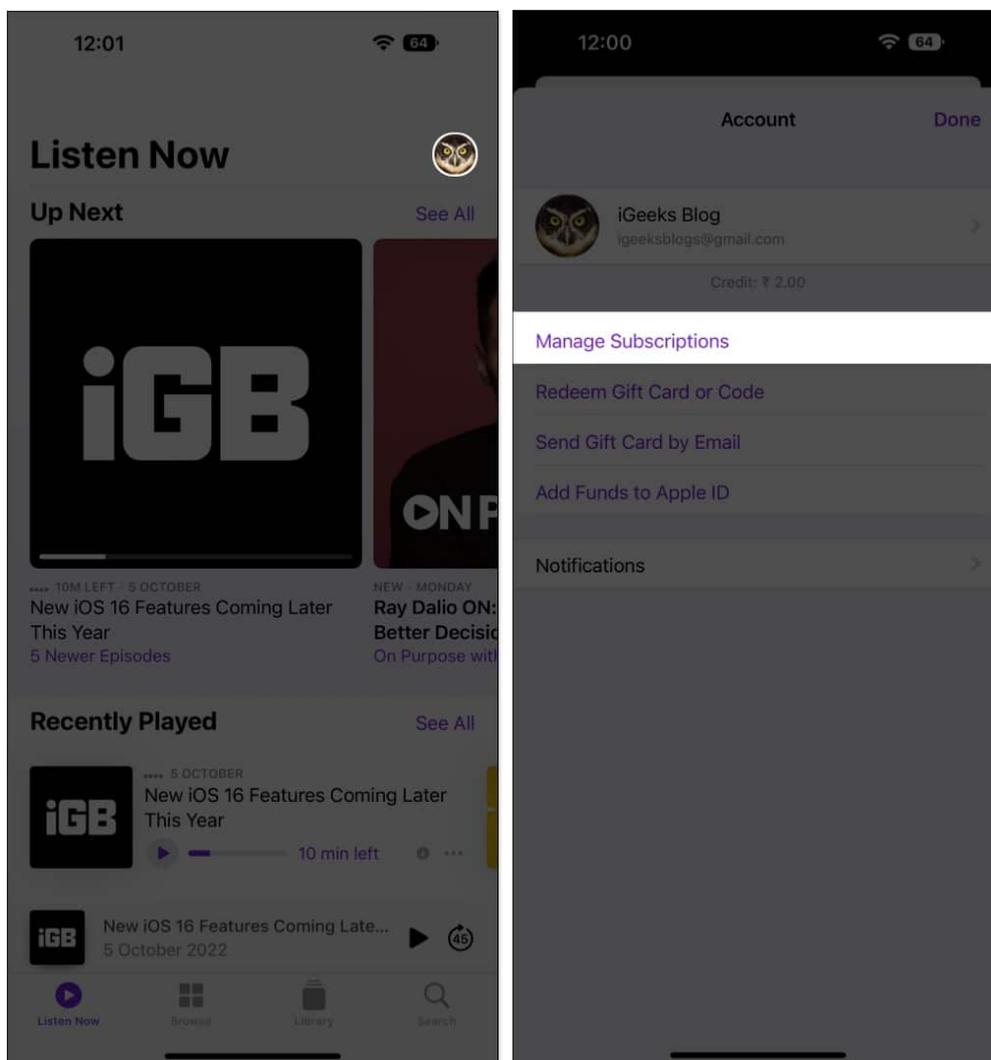
Ensure that you have your friend's contact saved and **Shared with You** on. To allow the feature, open **Settings** → **Messages** → toggle on **Shared with You** → toggle on **Podcasts**. Now to view the shared podcasts, follow the steps below.

1. Launch **Podcasts**.
2. In the Listen Now tab, navigate to the **Shared with You** section.

## How to change or unsubscribe from a Podcast

Have an in-app [podcast subscription](#) and want to change it? All you need to do is:

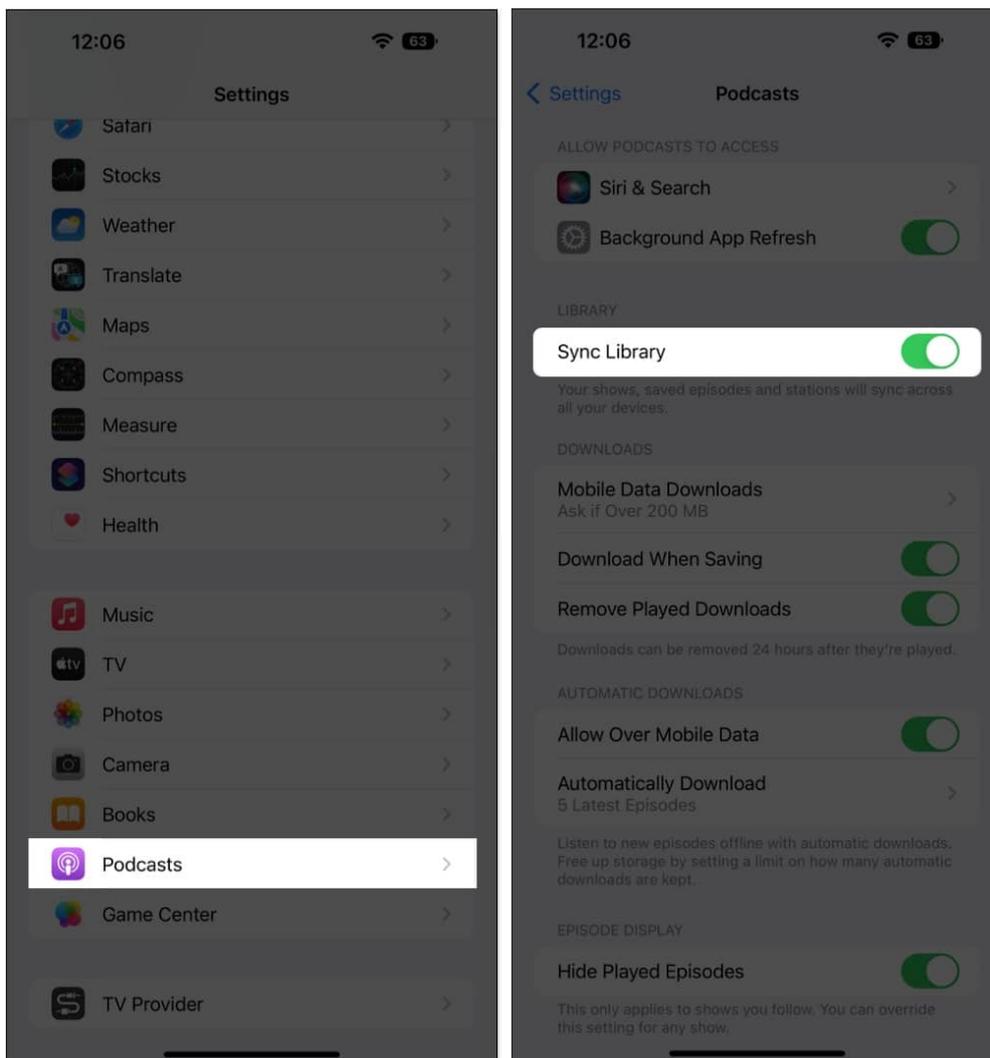
1. Open the **Podcasts** app.
2. Navigate to the **Listen Now** tab.
3. Tap the **Profile** icon → **Manage Subscriptions**.



To completely cancel the subscription to your podcasts, follow our guide on [how to cancel subscriptions](#).

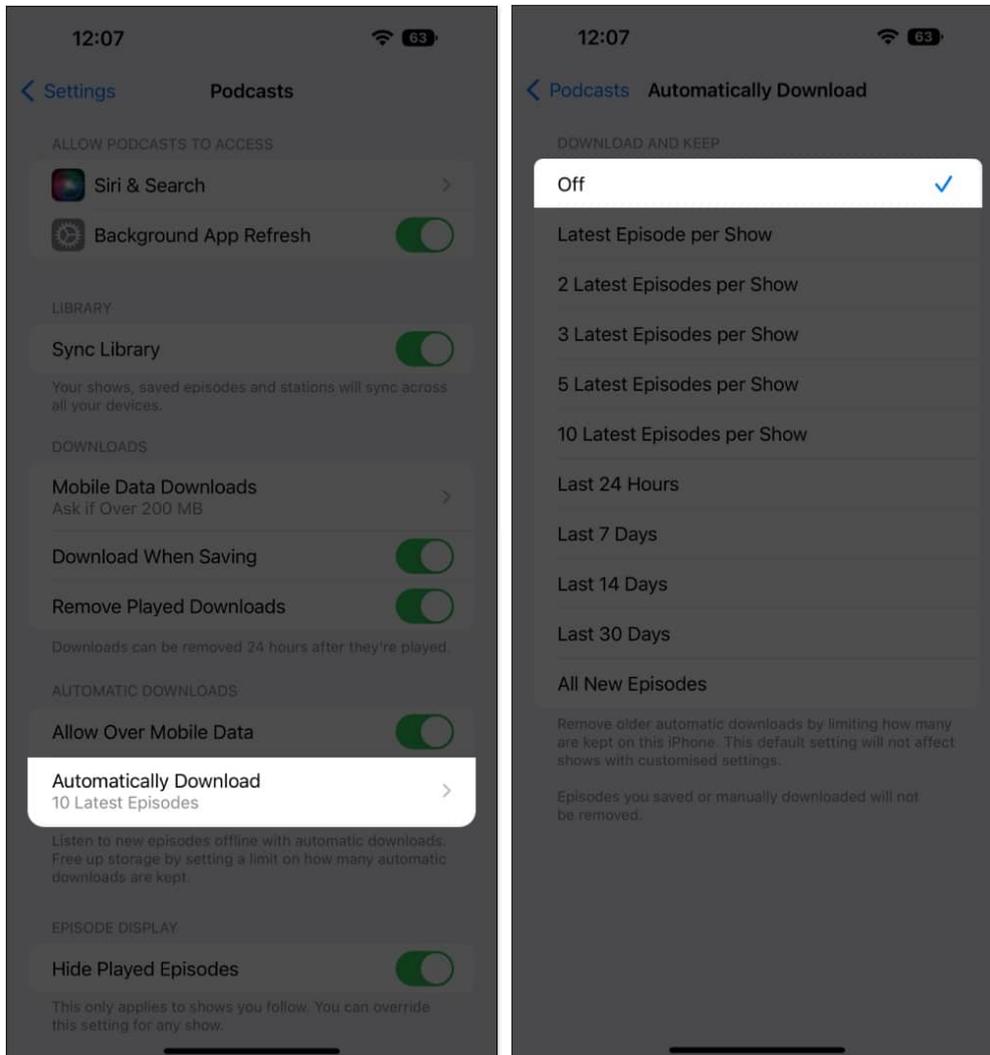
## Sync podcasts across devices on iPhone and iPad

1. Go to the **Settings** app on your iPhone → **Podcasts**.
2. Toggle on **Sync Library** under the Library section.



## Stop automatic downloads in Podcasts app on iPhone

1. Launch the **Settings** app on your iPhone → **Podcasts**.
2. Tap **Automatically Download**.
3. Choose **off**.



## Any inquiries regarding the Podcasts app?

That's all for now, folks!

These were the basics if you are just getting started with the Podcasts app.

## Read More:

- [Best podcasts for Apple and tech enthusiasts](#)