**How to analyse a podcast**

**DJ SIMON SETS THE MOOD IN *BLACKOUT*, p. 40**

The drama series *Blackout* uses music to establish or underline the mood in a scene and make us identify with the main character. Yet, it isn’t limited to just one type of music running through the entire podcast.

* On your own, listen to the introduction of Simon Itani (4:04-7:35 minutes) and the two kinds of music that accompany him. Fill out the worksheet below with examples that will help you to characterise the music. You may want to start and stop the podcast along the way, and listen to the music several times.
* Afterwards, in class, pool your findings together and comment on the two bits of music and what role they play in the story. What do they tell us about Simon?

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|  | **Music no. 1** | **Music no. 2** |
| **Diegetic/non-diegetic** |  |  |
| **Instruments** |  |  |
| **Mood** |  |  |
| **Authenticity** |  |  |