Exemplar

User story

As a **podcast listener**, I want to **mark favourites**, so that I can **find them in the app**.

Acceptance criteria

- **Given** I'm on a podcast's show page, **when** I tap the Favourite (heart), **then** the show is added to my Favourites list and the heart appears filled, with visual feedback in **≤ 300 ms** and the saved state within **≤ 2 s**.

- **Given** a show is already favourited, **when** I tap the heart again, **then** it's removed from my Favourites and the heart un-fills; the list updates within **≤ 2 s**.

- **Given** I have favourited shows, **when** I open my Favourites view, **then** I see them listed and sorted by **most recently favourited** and I can see the total count.

- **Given** the device is **offline**, **when** I favourite or unfavourite a show, **then** the UI shows the new state right away and **queues the change; when** the connection returns, **then** the change **syncs within ≤ 10 s** or I see a clear message if it fails.

- **Given** I'm **not signed in**, **when** I try to favourite a show, **then** I'm asked to sign in and the action completes after I do.

- **Given** a show is favourited, **when** I see it in search results or lists, **then** its heart appears filled so I can see that it's already a favourite.

User story – Rubric match

User Story Look-fors 👀	Developing	Proficient	Advanced
Clear user need (who / what / why)		Uses "As a… I want… so that…" with a clear user and benefit.	
Clear order and layout			Tidy headings/bullets; everything is in a predictable spot and quick to scan.
Short and easy to read		Plain, concise sentence with few extra words.	

Acceptance Criteria – Rubric Match

Acceptance Criteria Look-fors 👀	Developing	Proficient	Advanced
Given/When/Then, testability		3–8 clear scenarios using **Given** (start), **When** (action), **Then** (result), including the main path and at least one edge case.	
Specific and measurable details			Gives exact numbers, ranges, or times (e.g., "≤ 2 seconds") with clear pass/fail conditions.
Right for the audience and purpose		Scenarios match the intended user and purpose.	
Correct terms and format		Uses the right terms (acceptance criteria, Given/When/Then) correctly.	

NOTE

There are more matches in **Proficient** than **Advanced**, so this exemplar lands at **Proficient**.