

Elementary Podcasts Series 4 Episode 2

While you listen

Elementary Podcasts are suitable for learners with different levels of English. Here are some ways to make them easier (if you have a lower level of English) or more difficult (if you have a higher level of English). You can choose one or two of these suggestions – you don't have to follow all of them!

Making it easier

- Read all the exercises before you listen to the podcast.
- Look up the words in the exercises that you don't know in a dictionary.
- Play the podcast as many times as you need.
- Play each part of the podcast separately.
- Read the transcript after you have listened to the podcast.

Making it harder

- Listen to the podcast before you read the exercises.
- Only play the podcast once before answering the questions.
- Play the whole podcast without a break.
- Don't read the transcript.

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Choose the sentences that are true according to the podcast.

1. There are a lot of people in the shop.
2. Carolina is enjoying her day shopping.
3. Emily buys some jeans.
4. Carolina doesn't want to spend a lot of money.
5. Carolina buys some T-shirts.
6. They go into a lot of shops.
7. Cameron is Emily's new boyfriend.
8. Cameron is a musician in a band.

Activity 2

Put the words in the right order to make sentences from the podcast.

1. do / What / you / to / ? / want / get
2. my / I'm / careful / money / being / with
3. could / four T-shirts / buy / two coffees / You / for the price of
4. think / day / of the sales / I don't / the first / I like
5. shop! / one / only / We've / in / been
6. things / How / your exciting / going in / are / new love life?
7. in / busy / He's / bookshop / working / the

8. he's going / says / to / a song / He /
write / for me

Activity 3

Modal verbs. Put the sentences in the right group.

- Can I get you something to drink?
- Can I leave early today, please?
- Can you tell me the way to the museum?
- You shouldn't work so hard – you're always tired.
- How many languages can you speak?
- I can speak English but I can't write very well.
- What do you think I should do?
- You can't smoke in this restaurant.
- Can I carry those bags for you?
- Can we have two coffees, please?

- asking someone to do something
- talking/asking about if it's OK to do something
- giving/asking for advice
- talking about ability
- offering to help

Activity 4

Complete the sentences.

- can I borrow
- should buy
- can my friend come
- shouldn't give

- can help
- can't read
- can't swim
- should tell

- My eyes are terrible. I _____ the newspaper without my glasses.
- _____ your pencil sharpener, please? I've lost mine.
- You _____ that jacket – it looks really good on you.
- I _____ you organise the party if you like.
- Do you think I _____ her the truth?
- _____ to the party too?
- I love the sea but I _____. I never learned.
- You _____ your plants too much water – it's bad for them.

Activity 5

Put the verbs in the right places.

- do you want
- doesn't see
- don't pay
- fell over
- make
- pushed
- thought
- told

- 'I _____ the British were polite!'

2. A woman _____ Carolina out of the way, and Carolina nearly _____.
3. 'Well, I've got my jeans. What's next? What _____ to get?'
4. Emily _____ Cameron very often because he's busy.
5. Jamie _____ Carolina about the T-shirt shop.
6. The T-shirts are cheap because they _____ the workers enough money.
7. They _____ them work long hours in terrible conditions.

Activity 6

Can you remember the verb forms? Don't look back at Activity 5!

1. 'I _____ the British were polite!' (think)
2. A woman _____ Carolina out of the way, and Carolina nearly _____ over. (push/fall over)
3. 'Well, I've got my jeans. What's next? What _____ to get?' (you/want)
4. Emily _____ Cameron very often because he's busy. (not/see)
5. Jamie _____ Carolina about the T-shirt shop. (tell)
6. The T-shirts are cheap because they _____ the workers enough money. (not/pay)
7. They _____ them work long hours in terrible conditions. (make)

Activity 7

Shopping vocabulary. Put the words in the right spaces.

- a) bargains
- b) cheap
- c) discount
- d) each
- e) free
- f) price
- g) reduced
- h) sales

1. Lots of shops have _____ in January.
2. Look! Two T-shirts for the _____ of one!
3. Special offer this week! Buy one, get one _____!
4. Let's go in here – they've got some very _____ shoes.
5. The jeans are _____ from twenty pounds to fifteen.
6. They're only two pounds _____. I'm going to buy three!
7. I hope we can find some good _____ today.
8. They'll give you a 10% _____ if you're a regular customer.

Activity 8

Shopping vocabulary. Can you remember the words? Don't look back at Activity 7!

1. Lots of shops have _____ in January.

2. Look! Two T-shirts for the _____ of one!
3. Special offer this week! Buy one, get one _____!
4. Let's go in here – they've got some very _____ shoes.
5. The jeans are _____ from twenty pounds to fifteen.
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7. I hope we can find some good _____ today.

8. They'll give you a 10% _____ if you're a regular customer.

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

How do you feel about the sales – do you love them or hate them? What is it that you enjoy, or don't enjoy? What's the most popular time for sales in your country?

Leave a comment

on <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-04-episode-02> and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers

Activity 1

True: 1, 3, 4, 7, 8

False: 2, 5, 6

Activity 2

1. What do you want to get?
2. I'm being careful with my money.
3. You could buy four T-shirts for the price of two coffees.
4. I don't think I like the first day of the sales.
5. We've only been in one shop!
6. How are things going in your exciting new love life?
7. He's busy working in the bookshop.
8. He says he's going to write a song for me.

Activity 3

1. c, j, 2. b, h, 3. d, g, 4. e, f, 5. a, i

Activity 4

1. can't read, 2. Can I borrow, 3. should buy, 4. can help, 5. should tell, 6. Can my friend come, 7. can't swim, 8. shouldn't give

Activity 5

1.g, 2.f,d, 3.a, 4.b, 5.h, 6.c, 7.e

Activity 6

1. thought, 2. pushed/fell over, 3. do you want, 4. doesn't see, 5. told, 6. don't pay, 7. make

Activity 7

1.h, 2.f, 3.e, 4.b, 5.g, 6.d, 7.a, 8.c

Activity 8

1. sales, 2. price, 3. free, 4. cheap, 5. reduced, 6. each, 7. bargains, 8. discount