

Elementary Podcasts Series 4 Episode 9

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 all the answers that are true according to the podcast.

1. Tess doesn't like alcohol.
2. Ravi drinks beer.
3. There are lots of different kinds of British beer.
4. The British drink a lot of alcohol.
5. British pubs are family places.
6. British pubs are different from bars and cafés in other countries.
7. Tess never goes to pubs.
8. Tess and Ravi think the British drink more than other nationalities.

Activity 2

Match the words from the podcast to the definitions.

- a) a brewery
- b) a pub
- c) a soft drink
- d) bitter
- e) lager

1. a place where they make beer
2. a type of beer which has a golden colour, popular all over the world
3. a type of beer which has a dark brown colour, popular in Britain

4. a typical British place where you can drink alcohol
5. a drink that doesn't contain any alcohol, like cola or juice.

Activity 3

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

1. you / drink / a reason / Is there / why / don't / ?
2. the expert / on / one Ravi / You're / this
3. most other / is called / The beer / find in / countries / 'lager' here / that you
4. some facts / a look / I had / for / and figures / on the internet
5. pubs are / other / I think / bars in / countries / different / from
6. to / just have / I go / the pub and / drink / a soft
7. most / in a pub / drink alcohol / You don't / people do / but / have to
8. drink / the British / I think / other places / we can say / differently from

Activity 4

Put the adverbs in the right spaces.

- a) badly
- b) carefully
- c) easily
- d) fast
- e) hard
- f) quietly
- g) slowly

h) well

1. My sister passed the exam _____.
2. He drives too _____. He's going to have a bad accident soon.
3. Read the question _____ before you write your answer.
4. Did you sleep _____ last night?
5. I worked very _____ today – I'm tired.
6. I don't understand. Can you speak more _____, please?
7. I did really _____ in the test. It was a disaster.
8. Sssh! Speak _____. The baby's asleep.

Activity 5

Can you remember the adverbs? Don't look back at Activity 4!

1. I did really _____ in the test. It was a disaster. (bad)
2. My sister passed the exam _____. (easy)
3. Did you sleep _____ last night? (good)
4. Sssh! Speak _____. The baby's asleep. (quiet)
5. Read the question _____ before you write your answer. (careful)
6. I worked very _____ today – I'm tired. (hard)

7. I don't understand. Can you speak more _____, please? (slow)
8. He drives too _____. He's going to have a bad accident soon. (fast)

Activity 6

'Good' or 'well'? Put 'good' or 'well' in the spaces.

1. Eat vegetables. They're _____ for you.
2. My father speaks English very _____.
3. I'm not a very _____ swimmer.
4. I can't sing very _____.
5. Is your new job going _____?
6. I didn't do very _____ in the test.
7. Hello! It's really _____ to see you!
8. I didn't like the restaurant. The food wasn't very _____.
9. It's a great restaurant. You can eat very _____ there.
10. A: I've got a new job!
B: That's _____. Congratulations!

Activity 7

Spelling. Correct the spelling mistakes in these adverbs.

1. carefuly _____
2. definitly _____
3. happyly _____
4. terribly _____
5. completly _____

6. noisly _____
7. beautifuly _____
8. sensibly _____

Activity 8

What do you know about pubs? Choose the best answer.

1. The word pub is short for:
- a) public hotel.
 - b) public hostel.
 - c) public house.
2. There are about _____ pubs in Great Britain.
- a) 10,000
 - b) 60,000
 - c) 100,000
3. The place where the drinks are served in the pub is called:
- a) the bar.
 - b) the desk.
 - c) the counter.
4. All pubs have names. The most common names are connected with:
- a) traditional British food and drink (for example The Fish and Chips, The British Beer).
 - b) kings and queens (for example The King's Arms, The Queen Victoria).
 - c) jobs and professions (for example, The Happy Sailor, The Taxi Driver).

5. Cider is a popular alcoholic drink in the west of England. It's made from:
- a) grapes.
 - b) potatoes.
 - c) apples.
6. The manager or owner of the pub is called:
- a) the landlord or landlady.
 - b) the beermaster or beermistress.
 - c) the bar chief.
7. There are many traditional pub games. A very popular game involves throwing small 'arrows' at a round disc on the wall. It's called:
- a) snooker.
 - b) darts.

c) checkers.

8. If you want a drink in a pub you must:
- a) wait for the waiter or waitress to come to your table.
 - b) go to the bar and ask for it.
 - c) call someone from the bar to come to your table.

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

Do people drink beer in your country? If you like beer, have you ever tasted British beer? What did you think of it?

Have you ever been to a British-style pub? Or an Irish pub? What do you think of them? Write and tell us what you think.

Leave a comment

on <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-04-episode-09> and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers

Activity 1

True: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

False: 5, 7, 8

Activity 2

1.a, 2.e, 3.d, 4.b, 5.c

Activity 3

1. Is there a reason why you don't drink?
2. You're the expert on this one Ravi.

3. The beer that you find in most other countries is called 'lager' here.
4. I had a look on the internet for some facts and figures.
5. I think pubs are different from bars in other countries.
6. I go to the pub and just have a soft drink.
7. You don't have to drink alcohol in a pub, but most people do
8. I think we can say the British drink *differently* from other places.

Activity 4

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

Activity 5

1.badly, 2.easily, 3.well, 4.quietly, 5.carefully, 6.hard, 7.slowly, 8.fast

Activity 6

1.good, 2.well, 3.good, 4.well, 5.well, 6.well, 7.good, 8.good, 9.well, 10.good

Activity 7

1.carefully, 2.definitely, 3.happily, 4.terribly, 5.completely, 6.noisily, 7.beautifully, 8.sensibly

Activity 8

1.c, 2.b, 3.a, 4.b, 5.c, 6.a, 7.b, 8.b