

Elementary Podcasts Series 4 Episode 11

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 sentences that are true according to the podcast.

1. Ravi thinks everyone likes the Beatles.
2. Ravi thinks the Beatles were more popular in the 1960s.
3. British pop music is more popular than American pop music.
4. A lot of Beatles songs are easy to understand.
5. All songs in English are easy to understand.
6. Tess used Spanish songs to learn Spanish.
7. Tess listens to a lot of Spanish music now.
8. Ravi likes music from all over the world.

Activity 2

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

1. British groups / said that / Lots / they really / liked / of people / music by
2. British / probably the / band / They're / most / ever / famous
3. right time / were / right place / I think / they / in the / at the
4. music is / really / over / American / popular all / the world

5. quite easy / songs / to / Some of / the Beatles' / are really / understand
6. English / them / use / people / Lots of / pop music / to help / learn
7. all kinds / I / listen / all over / of music / to / from / the world
8. of / really was / language / English / the / pop music

Activity 3

Choose the right word in the sentences.

1. It helps to learn English if you read the **letters/lyrics** as you listen to the CD.
2. She's a really big Lady Gaga **fan/supporter**.
3. I didn't like their last CD – there was only one good **song/music** on it.
4. Kurt Cobain was the **main/lead** singer of Nirvana.
5. I love his CDs but I've never seen him in a **live/living** concert.
6. 'Revolver' is my favourite Beatles **album/disc**.
7. Robbie Williams was a member of Take That until he left and went **solo/alone**.
8. The Beatles had more than twenty number-one **hits/tops**.

Activity 4

Fill in the missing letters to make the names of different types of music.

1. _ o _ k
2. _ o _
3. h _ a _ y m _ t a _

4. R a _ d _
5. p _ _ k
6. _ e g _ a _
7. c _ _ n t _ y
8. _ i _ h _ p
9. e _ e c _ r _ n i c
10. j _ _ z

Activity 5

Test your music knowledge! Match the artists to the type of music. There are two names for each category.

AC/DC	Beyoncé
Bob Marley	Daft Punk
David Guetta	Ella Fitzgerald
Eminem	Iron Maiden
Jay-Z	Johnny Cash
Lady Gaga	Metallica
Miles Davis	One Direction
Queen	Sex Pistols
Shaggy	Taylor Swift
The Ramones	Whitney Houston

1. rock:
2. pop:
3. heavy metal:
4. R and B:
5. punk:
6. reggae:
7. country:

8. hip hop/rap:
9. electronic:
10. jazz:

Activity 6

Use these verbs to complete the Beatles' song titles.

- a) buy
- b) comes
- c) drive
- d) hide
- e) hold
- f) is
- g) loves
- h) need
- i) standing
- j) work

1. I want to _____ your hand
2. Here _____ the sun
3. All you _____ is love
4. You've got to _____ your love away
5. Can't _____ me love
6. I saw her _____ there
7. Happiness _____ a warm gun
8. She _____ you
9. _____ my car
10. We can _____ it out

Activity 7

Choose the right answer to complete the sentences.

1. My sister always _____ music when she's studying.
 - a) listens to
 - b) hears
2. I was walking through a village in Morocco when I _____ a Beatles song on someone's radio.
 - a) listened to
 - b) heard
3. You should _____ the instructions carefully before you start the test.
 - a) listen to
 - b) hear
4. My neighbours are very noisy – I can _____ everything that they do upstairs.
 - a) listen to
 - b) hear
5. I'm sorry, can you repeat that? I didn't _____ what you said.
 - a) listen to
 - b) hear
6. Be quiet, please. I'm _____ the news.
 - a) listening to
 - b) hearing

7. Did you _____ a strange noise in the kitchen? What was it?

- a) listen to
- b) hear

8. I _____ her for hours while she told me all her problems.

- a) listened to
- b) heard

Activity 8

Complete the sentences with the right form of 'listen to' or 'hear'. Don't look back at activity 7!

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2. I was walking through a village in Morocco when I _____ a Beatles song on someone's radio.
3. You should _____ the instructions carefully before you start the test.

Answers

Activity 1

True: 1, 4, 6, 8

False: 2, 3, 5, 7

Activity 2

1. Lots of people said that they really liked music by British groups.
2. They're probably the most famous British band ever.
3. I think they were in the right place at the right time.

4. My neighbours are very noisy – I can _____ everything that they do upstairs.

5. I'm sorry, can you repeat that? I didn't _____ what you said.

6. Be quiet, please. I'm _____ the news.

7. Did you _____ a strange noise in the kitchen? What was it?

8. I _____ her for hours while she told me all her problems.

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

What kinds of music do you like to listen to? Which British singers or bands are your favourites? Do songs help you learn English? Leave a comment on <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-04-episode-11> and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

4. American music is really popular all over the world.
5. Some of the Beatles' songs are really quite easy to understand.
6. Lots of people use pop music to help them learn English.
7. I listen to all kinds of music from all over the world.
8. English really was the language of pop music.

Activity 3

1. lyrics
2. fan
3. song
4. lead
5. live
6. album
7. solo
8. hits

Activity 4

- 1.rock, 2.pop, 3.heavy metal, 4.R and B, 5.punk , 6.reggae, 7.country, 8.hip hop, 9.electronic, 10.jazz

Activity 5

1. rock: AC/DC, Queen
2. pop: One Direction, Lady Gaga
3. heavy metal: Iron Maiden, Metallica,
4. R and B: Beyoncé, Whitney Houston
5. punk: Sex Pistols, The Ramones
6. reggae: Bob Marley, Shaggy
7. country: Taylor Swift, Johnny Cash
8. hip hop/rap: Eminem, Jay-Z
9. electronic: Daft Punk, David Guetta
10. jazz: Ella Fitzgerald, Miles Davis

Activity 6

1. I want to hold your hand
2. Here comes the sun
3. All you need is love
4. You've got to hide your love away
5. Can't buy me love
6. I saw her standing there
7. Happiness is a warm gun
8. She loves you
9. Drive my car
10. We can work it out

Activity 7

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

Activity 8

1. listens to
2. heard
3. listen to
4. hear
5. hear
6. listening to
7. hear
8. listened to