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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**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](http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-04-episode-11) and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

**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. 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
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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