

Elementary Podcasts Series 4 Episode 14

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. Carolina and Emily are in the library.
2. They're trying to study for their exams.
3. They're going to have a coffee break at twelve o'clock.
4. Jamie's band played badly last week.
5. Jamie's band might go on tour with The Electrons.
6. Emily thinks Jamie should stay in Newcastle.
7. Emily is going to Borneo next year.
8. Carolina might visit Emily next year.

Activity 2

Match the ends of the sentences to the beginnings.

- a) Carolina might visit her.
- b) I won't do very well.
- c) if he goes to Borneo.
- d) if I have enough money.
- e) if my mum doesn't phone me on my birthday.
- f) if you talk loudly in a library.
- g) Jamie will stay in England.
- h) I won't be very happy.

1. If his band goes on tour with The Electrons,
2. Carolina will miss Jamie
3. If Emily goes to France,
4. People might complain
5. If I fail the exam,
6. I might get some new clothes for the holiday
7. I'll be upset
8. If I don't study for my next exams,

Activity 3

Choose the right verb forms.

1. If his band a) _____ on tour with The Electrons, Jamie b) _____ in England.
a) goes/will go
b) stays/will stay
2. Carolina a) _____ Jamie if he b) _____ away.
a) misses/will miss
b) goes/will go
3. If Emily a) _____ to France, Carolina b) _____ her.
a) goes/will go
b) visits/might visit
4. People a) _____ if you b) _____ loudly in a library.
a) might complain/are complaining
b) talk/will talk
5. If I a) _____ the exam, I b) _____ very happy.

- a) fail/will fail
b) am not/won't be
6. I a) _____ some new clothes for the holiday if I b) _____ enough money.
a) might get/get
b) have/will have
7. I a) _____ upset if my mum b) _____ me on my birthday.
a) am/'ll be
b) won't phone/doesn't phone
8. If I a) _____ for my next exams, I b) _____ very well.
a) don't study/won't study
b) don't do/won't do

Activity 4

Where would you see these signs? Match the signs to the places. There are four signs for each place.

- a) Cycle lane – Look right.
- b) Do not leave baggage unattended.
- c) Dogs must be kept on leads.
- d) Give way to traffic from the right.
- e) No entry. Authorised personnel only beyond this point.
- f) No fishing permitted in the lake.
- g) No food or drink allowed.
- h) No parking 7am–7pm.
- i) Please have your boarding pass ready.
- j) Please keep off the grass.

- k) Please replace books when you have finished with them.
- l) No litter. Put rubbish in receptacles provided.
- m) EU citizens queue this side.
- n) Quiet please.
- o) Set phones to vibrate or silent.
- p) Slow. School ahead.

In a library: _____

In a park: _____

In an airport: _____

In the street: _____

Activity 5

Match the apologies to the complaints.

- a) I'm sorry, officer. My mistake. I didn't see the sign.
- b) Of course. I'm terribly sorry. He ran away from me.
- c) Oh dear. I completely forgot. I'll throw it away.
- d) I'm sorry. I didn't know you were on the phone.
- e) Sorry. We didn't realise we were disturbing you.

- 1. Excuse me. Could you be quiet, please? People are trying to work.
- 2. Do you think you could put your dog on the lead?
- 3. You can't stop here, sir. Disabled parking only.
- 4. Could you turn the TV down, please? I can't hear a thing.
- 5. I'm afraid you're not allowed to eat in the library.

Activity 6

Put the phrases in the gaps. Don't look back at Activity 5!

completely forgot

Could you

didn't realise

Do you think

Excuse me

I didn't know

I'm afraid

My mistake

terribly sorry

You can't

1. A: _____. Could you be quiet, please? People are trying to work.

B: Sorry. We _____ we were disturbing you.

2. A: _____ you could put your dog on the lead?
B: Of course. I'm _____. He ran away from me.
3. A: _____ stop here, sir. Disabled parking only.
B: I'm sorry, officer. _____ I didn't see the sign.
4. A: _____ turn the TV down, please? I can't hear a thing.
B: Sorry. _____ you were on the phone.
5. A: _____ you're not allowed to eat in the library.
B: Oh dear. I _____. I'll throw it away.

Activity 7

Talking about time. Put the words in order to make sentences from the podcast.

1. and a half, / can have / Another / then we / a break / hour
2. got / an hour / We / here / half / ago
3. can / for / an / We / go / coffee in / hour
4. two / start / exams / in / weeks / Our
5. yet / it / o'clock / Is / eleven / ?
6. can / at / We / have / coffee / eleven
7. on / going / in / They're / tour / October
8. more / before / One / hour / coffee!

Activity 8

Now choose the right word to fill the gap.

1. _____ hour and a half, then we can have a break.
a) More
b) Another
c) In
2. We got here half an hour _____.
a) ago
b) past
c) since
3. We can go for coffee _____ an hour.
a) in
b) on
c) until
4. Our exams start _____ two weeks.
a) more
b) in
c) by
5. Is it eleven o'clock _____?
a) ago
b) gone
c) yet
6. We can have coffee _____ eleven.
a) at
b) in
c) on
7. They're going on tour _____ October.

- a) at
b) in
c) on
8. One more hour _____ coffee!
- a) up to
b) still
c) before

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

What about you – how do you like to study? At home? In a café? And do you prefer to study with or without music? At night or in the morning? Leave us a comment

on <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-04-episode-14> and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers**Activity 1**

True: 1, 2, 5, 8

False: 3, 4, 6, 7

Activity 2

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

Activity 3

1.goes/will stay, 2.will miss/goes, 3.goes/might visit, 4.might complain/talk, 5.fail/won't be, 6.might get/have, 7.'ll be/doesn't phone, 8.don't study/won't do

Activity 4

In a library: g, k, n, o

In a park: c, f, j, l,

In an airport: b, e, i, m

In the street: a, d, h, p

Activity 5

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

Activity 6

1.Excuse me/didn't realise, 2.Do you think/terribly sorry, 3.You can't/My mistake, 4.Could you/I didn't know, 5.I'm afraid/completely forgot

Activity 7

1. Another hour and a half, then we can have a break.
2. We got here half an hour ago.
3. We can go for coffee in an hour.
4. Our exams start in two weeks.
5. Is it eleven o'clock yet?
6. We can have coffee at eleven.
7. They're going on tour in October.
8. One more hour before coffee!

Activity 8

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