

Elementary Podcasts Series 4 Episode 16

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 has just finished an exam.
2. Carolina meets Jamie in a restaurant.
3. The weather is good.
4. Jamie is going to work in Borneo.
5. Jamie's exam results are very good.
6. Jamie has to make a very difficult decision.
7. Carolina is going to Borneo with Jamie.
8. The job in Borneo is for nine months.

Activity 2

Can you remember who said these things? Write C for Carolina or J for Jamie.

1. I need to speak to you. It's really important.
2. Well, no, I can't come for lunch, Sally. Sorry.
3. I told you British weather isn't always terrible.
4. You applied for a lot of different things.
5. Well, they've accepted me.
6. Which one? Where?
7. And what about me?
8. Look, I need time to think about this.

Activity 3

Choose the best word.

1. I have to _____ an English exam if I want to study in Britain.
a) take
b) make
2. I won't get the job if I _____ the exam.
a) fail
b) lose
3. Mrs Smith asked us to _____ the homework on Monday.
a) deliver
b) hand in
4. Did you get a good _____ in the test?
a) mark
b) note
5. I think I _____ a really stupid mistake in the exam.
a) did
b) made
6. I'd like to _____ Professor Tate's lecture tomorrow.
a) assist
b) go to
7. It's important to _____ notes in class so you can look at them again later.
a) make/take
b) do

8. I got eighteen _____ twenty in the test last week.

- a) in
- b) out of

Activity 4

Fill in the spaces with the words from Activity 3. If the word is a verb, put it in the right form.

1. You have to get twelve _____ twenty to pass the test.
2. Are you _____ the lecture on Shakespeare tomorrow?
3. Eighty-nine per cent is a very good _____.
4. I _____ the First Certificate exam last year and I got an A.
5. You must _____ your essays by May 1st, or I won't mark them.
6. _____ a lot of notes in the lecture yesterday?
7. I _____ the English exam – I only got twenty per cent!
8. I always _____ the same mistake in English – I confuse 'make' and 'do'.

Activity 5

Match the words to the definitions.

- a) a seminar or a tutorial

- b) professor
- c) halls of residence
- d) a lecture
- e) campus
- f) revision
- g) finals

1. When a professor talks to a big group of students and they listen and make notes
2. A class for a small group of students at university
3. The exams at the end of your university course
4. Studying something again, ready for an exam
5. The buildings and land of a university
6. A university teacher
7. Part of the university where a lot of students can live

Activity 6

Put the prepositions in the right spaces.

- away
- down
- down
- in
- out
- over
- up

1. Let's sit _____ here on the grass and eat our sandwiches.
2. Please tell it to go _____ – I don't like dogs.
3. It's a lovely evening – let's go _____ for a walk.
4. Please come _____. Let me take your coat.
5. In some schools, students stand _____ when the teacher enters the room.
6. It's ten o'clock. You may turn _____ your question papers and begin the exam.
7. It's time to stop writing. Put _____ your pens, please.

Activity 7

Match the answers to the questions.

- a) Fifty-two per cent – I'm really disappointed.
- b) I thought it was quite easy actually.
- c) No, I didn't – it was too complicated!
- d) No, I missed out number 6.
- e) Oh yes! I only had three hours' sleep last night.
- f) South America. Why? Was that the wrong answer?

1. Did you do question 4?
2. What did you put for question 7?
3. What did you think of the exam?
4. Did you do a lot of revision?

5. Did you answer all the questions?

6. What did you get in the test?

Activity 8

Complete the questions. Don't look back at Activity 7!

1. A: _____ question 4?

B: No, I didn't – it was too complicated!

2. A: What _____ for question 7?

B: South America. Why? Was that the wrong answer?

3. A: What _____ of the exam?

B: I thought it was quite easy actually.

4. A: _____ a lot of revision?

B: Oh yes! I only had three hours' sleep last night.

5. A: _____ all the questions?

B: No, I missed out number 6.

6. A: What _____ in the test?

B: Fifty-two per cent – I'm really disappointed.

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

What about you – do you prefer exams or continuous assessment? Which one do you think is better? Leave a comment on <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-04-episode-16> and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers

Activity 1

True: 1, 3, 6, 8

False: 2, 4, 5, 7

Activity 2

1.J, 2.C, 3.J, 4.C, 5.J, 6.C, 7.C, 8.J

Activity 3

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

Activity 4

1.out of, 2.going to, 3.mark, 4.took, 5.hand in, 6.Did you make/take, 7.failed, 8.make

Activity 5

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

Activity 6

1.down, 2.away, 3.out, 4.in, 5.up, 6.over, 7.down

Activity 7

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

Activity 8

1.Did you do (answer), 2.did you put, 3.did you think, 4.Did you do, 5.Did you answer (do), 6.did you get.