Elementary Podcasts
Series 4 Episode 18

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. There are a lot of people at the party.
2. Jamie has finished his course and got his results.
3. Jamie is unhappy because he can't go to Borneo.
4. Jamie's friend Richard knows about the job in Borneo.
5. Jamie promised Carolina not to tell people about the job in Borneo.
6. Cameron wasn't invited to the party.
7. Carolina and Emily are pleased to see Cameron.
8. Two people tell Jamie jokes about orang-utans.

Activity 2
Who said what? Carolina, Emily, Jamie or Cameron?
1. A 2:1 is a great result. Are you pleased?
2. I'm really pleased.
3. Why did he tell you that joke?
4. But we agreed. Not to tell anyone about it yet.
5. I invited him.
6. Yeah, yeah, we agreed, that's right. OK. I'm sorry.
8. Hey, Jamie. I heard this joke and I thought of you.

Activity 3
Match the two halves of the sentences.

a) and everyone helps each other.
b) but I don't agree.
c) everyone has to leave the building.
d) and everyone is enjoying it.
e) so nobody eats meat or fish.
f) and everyone respects him.
g) to hear the news.
h) and nobody's life is perfect.

1. Everybody in my family is vegetarian
2. It's a great party
3. When the fire alarm rings,
4. Everybody thinks that Federer will win,
5. Mr James is a very good teacher
6. Everybody was surprised
7. People at work are very friendly
8. I think everybody has problems

Activity 4
Choose the right form of the verb.

1. Everybody in my family __________ vegetarian so nobody eats meat or fish.
   a) is
   b) are

2. It's a great party and everyone __________ enjoying it.
   a) is
   b) are

3. When the fire alarm rings, everyone __________ to leave the building.
   a) have
   b) has

4. Everybody __________ that Federer will win, but I don't agree.
   a) think
   b) thinks

5. Mr James is a very good teacher and everyone __________ him.
   a) respect
   b) respects

6. Everybody __________ surprised to hear the news.
   a) were
   b) was

7. People at work are very friendly and everyone __________ each other.
   a) help
   b) helps

8. I think everybody __________ problems and nobody's life is perfect.
   a) has
   b) have
Activity 5
Use these words to complete Richard's joke. You can listen to that part of the podcast again to help you.

bathroom
cold
gets
having
other
put
says
two

There are 1. __________ orang-utans in the 2. __________, and one of them's 3. __________ a bath, and he (the orangutan) 4. __________ into the bath and he 5. __________ 'ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh', and the 6. __________ one says 'Well, 7. __________ some 8. __________ water in then'.

Activity 6
Match the responses to the greetings.

a) B: You too.
b) B: That's true.
c) B: Nothing special.
d) B: Fine, thanks.
e) B: Well, thank you! So do you!

1. A: Hi. How are you?
   B: _________________________
2. A: I haven't seen you for a long time.
   B: _________________________
3. A: You look fantastic!
   B: _________________________
4. A: Nice to see you again.
   B: _________________________
5. A: What's new?
   B: _________________________

Activity 7
Write the missing words. Don't look back at Activity 6!

1. A: Hi. __________ are you?
   B: Fine, __________.
2. A: I haven't __________ you for a long time.
   B: That's __________.
3. A: You __________ fantastic!
   B: Well, __________ you! So do you!
4. A: __________ to see you again.
   B: You __________.
5. A: __________ new?
   B: __________ special.

Activity 8
Phrases to use when you finish a conversation. Put the verbs in the right spaces.

have
have
must
see
Activity 1
True: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8
False: 3, 6, 7

Activity 2

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

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

Activity 5
1. two, 2. bathroom, 3. having, 4. gets, 5. says, 6. other, 7. put, 8. cold

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

Answers

Activity 9 – Leave a comment
Have you got a good joke? Tell it to us!
Leave a comment on http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-04-episode-18 and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.
Activity 7

Activity 8
1. See, 2. Take, 3. Have, 4. must, 5. Talk, 6. was, 7. have