

Elementary Podcasts Series 4 Episode 20

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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. Emily's suitcase is broken.
2. Emily takes Carolina's suitcase.
3. Emily is going to France for a year.
4. Carolina is going to visit Emily.
5. Jamie is going to work in Borneo.
6. Carolina is staying in Britain for the holidays.
7. Carolina goes to the station with Emily.
8. Carolina is sad to see Emily go.

Activity 2

Pronoun practice. What do the words in **bold** refer to?

- a) Jamie
- b) A new suitcase
- c) France
- d) Carolina
- e) Emily's trousers
- f) Carolina's suitcase
- g) A year in France
- h) Emily
- i) Emily's suitcase

1. You washed **them** yesterday. I'll get **them**.
2. **It's** too small – **it** isn't going to close.
3. We'll have to go and buy another **one**.
4. So take **mine**.
5. Are you looking forward to **it**, Emily?
6. And don't forget **you're** going to visit. **You** promised.
7. **It** isn't the other side of the world.
8. Well, **he** has to decide soon.
9. Well, let **me** know what happens.

Activity 3

Now write the pronouns in the spaces.
Don't look back at Activity 2.

1. You washed _____ yesterday.
I'll get _____.
2. _____'s too small – _____
isn't going to close.
3. We'll have to go and buy another
_____.
4. So take _____.
5. Are you looking forward to
_____, Emily?
6. And don't forget _____'re going
to visit. _____ promised.
7. _____ isn't the other side of the
world.
8. Well, _____ has to decide soon.
9. Well, let _____ know what
happens.

Activity 4

Future or present? Choose all of the sentences that are talking about the future.

1. Jamie usually phones Carolina every day.
2. I'll text you when I get to Paris.
3. Emily's train leaves at 6 o'clock.
4. I'll visit you in Paris – don't worry!
5. Carolina is going to Venezuela for a month.
6. Jamie can't decide if he wants to go to Borneo.
7. That suitcase isn't going to close – it's too small.
8. Carolina is feeling sad.

Activity 5

Choose the best verb form.

1. _____ to the beach tomorrow. Would you like to come?
a) I go
b) I'm going
2. I've got an exam tomorrow. It _____ at nine o'clock.
a) is starting
b) starts
3. _____ my sister in Hawaii in October.
a) I'm going to visit
b) I visit
4. I'm sure John _____ his birthday present when he sees it.

- a) will love
b) is loving
5. I can't come out tonight because _____ dinner with my family.
a) I have
b) I'm having
6. In the future, robots _____ control of the world.
a) will take
b) are taking
7. Why don't you come over to my flat after class? _____ the homework together.
a) We'll do
b) We're going to do
8. The film _____ at eight thirty, so we need to meet outside the cinema at eight.
a) starts
b) is starting

Activity 6

Match the two parts of the dialogues.

- a) B: At 6. So I'll have to get a taxi at 5.
b) B: I'm sure it is. Look at those clouds.
c) B: Let's have a big party to celebrate!
d) B: Oh, nothing special. Just me, the dog, a Chinese takeaway and a DVD.

- e) B: Oh yes, I'm sure she will.
f) B: Yes, it is. I hope you've got me something nice!
g) B: Yes. I'm having dinner with John and Mabel on Saturday.

1. A: What time does your train leave?
2. A: What are you doing tonight?
3. A: Have you got any plans for the weekend?
4. A: Do you think your mother will visit you in Paris?
5. A: What shall we do when our exams have finished?
6. A: Is it your birthday on Friday?
7. A: Do you think it's going to rain?

Activity 7

Put the missing words in the spaces. Don't look back at Activity 6!

are you doing
does
going to
Have you got
I'll have to
I'm having
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Let's
shall we
will

1. A: What time _____ your train leave?

B: At 6. So _____ get a taxi at 5.

2. A: What _____ tonight?

B: Oh, nothing special. Just me, the dog and a DVD.

3. A: _____ any plans for the weekend?

B: Yes. _____ dinner with John and Mabel on Saturday.

4. A: Do you think your mother _____ visit you in Paris?

B: Oh yes, I'm sure she will.

5. A: What _____ do when our exams have finished?

B: _____ have a big party to celebrate!

6. A: _____ your birthday on Friday?

B: Yes, it is. I hope you've got me something nice!

7. A: Do you think it's _____ rain?

B: I'm sure it is. Look at those clouds.

Activity 8

Saying goodbye. Match the two parts of the phrases.

a) a hug!

b) goes well.

c) good journey.

d) yourself.

e) phone.

f) when I get there.

g) you!

h) you soon.

1. Give me

2. I'll miss

3. I'll text you

4. Bye. Speak to

5. Have a

6. Take care of

7. Hope everything

8. Don't forget to

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

What did you enjoy most in the story of Carolina and her friends? Did you have a favourite episode? Write and tell us what you liked and why by leaving a comment on <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-04-episode-20>. We'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers

Activity 1

True: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8

False: 5, 6, 7

Activity 2

1.e, 2.i, 3.b, 4.f, 5.g, 6.d, 7.c, 8.a, 9.h

Activity 3

1.them/them, 2.It/it, 3.one, 4.mine, 5.it, 6.you/You, 7.It, 8.he, 9.me

Activity 4

Future: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7

Present: 1, 6, 8

Activity 5

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

Activity 6

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

Activity 7

1.does/I'll have to, 2.are you doing, 3.Have you got/I'm having, 4.will, 5.shall we/Let's, 6.Is it, 7.going to

Activity 8

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