

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 do 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.

Activity 1 – Choose all of the sentences that are true about Carolina.

1. She is doing her homework
2. She has a problem
3. She spent a lot of money in the summer
4. She only has £20 a week to spend
5. She is going to ask her parents for money
6. She wants to find a job
7. She has a student visa
8. She can work part-time in Britain

Activity 2 - Here are some sentences with 'look' + particle. Match them to the meanings.

1. Can you **look after** the children while I go to the supermarket?
 2. If your job is so boring then **look for** a new one.
 3. I'm **looking forward to** the party on Saturday. It's going to be fantastic.
 4. Let's **look around** the museum before lunch.
 5. If you can't remember what a word means, **look it up** in a dictionary.
- a. see what there is in a place
 - b. to feel happy because you're going to do something
 - c. to find a piece of information in a book/website
 - d. to take care of someone or something
 - e. to try to find something

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 3 – Use these words to complete the sentences.

forward to after up
around for

- I need someone to look _____ the dog while we're on holiday.
- I'm looking _____ my glasses. Have you seen them?
- I'm looking _____ the holidays. Can't wait!
- Shall we look _____ the old part of the city tomorrow?
- Look it _____ on Wikipedia if you don't believe me!

Activity 4 – Use these words to complete the sentences.

a second a minute an hour
a day a week a year

- I always go to church on Sundays, so that's once _____.
- My doctor says I should eat five portions of vegetables _____.
- The speed limit on the motorway is 70 miles _____.
- The Earth travels around the sun at about 30 kilometres _____.
- It's a great job and I get 35 days holiday _____.
- Your heart beats 60-80 times _____.

Activity 5 – Leave a comment

Tell us about your first job. What did you do? How much did you earn and what did you spend your pay on? Was it difficult or enjoyable? How did you get it?

Leave a comment on

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-03-episode-04> and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers

Activity 1

She has a problem
She spent a lot of money in the summer
She only has £20 a week to spend
She wants to find a job
She has a student visa
She can work part-time in Britain

Activity 2

1D / 2E / 3B / 4A / 5C

Activity 3

- after
- for
- forward to
- around
- up

Activity 4

- I always go to church on Sundays, so that's once a week.
- My doctor says I should eat five portions of vegetables a day.
- The speed limit on the motorway is 70 miles an hour.
- The Earth travels around the sun at about 30 kilometres a second.
- It's a great job and I get 35 days holiday a year.
- Your heart beats 60-80 times a minute.