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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 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 the sentences that are true.

1. Ravi likes football.
2. Tess knows a lot about football.
3. Ravi is a football hooligan.
4. There were problems with hooligans in England in the past.
5. Most English football fans are hooligans.
6. Football matches in Britain are dangerous.
7. Women go to football matches in Britain.

8. Children go to football matches in Britain.
9. Ravi is going to take Tess to a football match.

Activity 2 - Choose the best answer

1. You go to watch football in a...
 - a) stadium
 - b) arena
 - c) hall
2. When a player puts the ball into the net, it's a...
 - a) hit
 - b) goal
 - c) point
3. A game of football is often called a...
 - a) contest
 - b) match
 - c) fight
4. People who are violent and cause trouble at football games are called...
 - a) vandals
 - b) devils
 - c) hooligans
5. People who like football are....
 - a) fans
 - b) followers
 - c) watchers
6. Before you can watch the game, you need to buy a...
 - a) ticket
 - b) paper
 - c) card
7. The person in control of a football game is the...
 - a) umpire
 - b) manager
 - c) referee

Answers are at the bottom of this support pack.

8. The green place in the middle of the stadium is the...
 - a) court
 - b) pitch
 - c) arena

9. There are eleven players in a football...
 - a) team
 - b) group
 - c) gang

10. All of the people watching a football game is called the...
 - a) public
 - b) audience
 - c) crowd

Activity 3 - Put the words in the spaces

fans	goals	match
pitch	referee	stadium
team	tickets	

1. Are you going to see the _____ tomorrow? I think it'll be a good one.
2. I've got two _____ for Saturday. Do you want to come?
3. They built a new _____ last year – it's beautiful.
4. People always get angry with the _____ – but it isn't an easy job.
5. How many _____ did they get in the last game? Was it two or three?
6. Some people ran onto the _____ at the end of the game.
7. My friend travels all over the world to see his _____ play.
8. The _____ were all singing and cheering – it was a great atmosphere.

Activity 4 - Match the people to what they do

referee
football player
football fan

blows the whistle
buys a ticket
gives a penalty
kicks the ball
scores a goal
shows a red card
supports a team
tackles someone
watches the game

Activity 5 - Complete the sentences with these phrases

- a. bigger and bigger.
- b. less and less time.
- c. longer and longer
- d. more and more difficult.
- e. more and more every day!
- f. worse and worse.

1. I've got so much work to do! – every day I seem to have ____
2. We've been married for forty years, and I love her ____
3. My class gets new students every week. It just keeps getting ____
4. It's so depressing - the economic situation seems to get ____
5. Because of modern medicine old people are now living ____
6. As you go through the book, the exercises get ____

Activity 5 – Leave a comment

Tell us something about football. Which team do you support? Why? What do football fans do in your country? What happens at football matches?

If you don't like football, tell us why not?

Send us your comments and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers**Activity 1**

True

1, 4, 7, 8, 9

False

2, 3, 5, 6

Activity 2

1. a 2. b 3. b 4. c 5. a 6. a 7. c 8. b 9. a 10.

c

Activity 3

1 match 2 tickets 3 stadium 4 manager 5
goals 6 pitch 7 team 8 fans

Activity 4

referee

blows the whistle

shows a red card

gives a penalty

player

scores a goal

kicks the ball

tackles someone

fan

buys a ticket

watches the game

supports a team

Activity 5

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