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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 of the sentences that are true about Carolina.

1. Carolina phones about a job in a shop.
2. The shop is at the university.
3. Carolina talks to the manager on the phone.
4. Carolina writes a list of questions.
5. Carolina wears her best clothes to the interview.
6. The job is part-time.
7. The shop sells clothes and shoes.
8. Carolina gets the job.

Activity 2 - Put these phrases in the right group.

1st January	in the afternoon	in August
in the autumn	in December	in the winter
in the summer	on the 13th October	on Monday
in the morning	on the 25th April	at night
on Saturday	in the spring	in March
on Thursday	in the evening	

days of the week	specific dates	months	seasons	parts of the day

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 3 – Put these phrases in the right group.

25th April half past six January
 last weekend my birthday next Thursday
 night the morning the summer
 the weekend Thursday tomorrow morning

on	in	at	no preposition

Activity 4 – Type the missing prepositions. Sometimes the correct answer is that there is no preposition!

- Are you going to the party _____ Thursday?
- What are you planning to do _____ the summer?
- The class starts _____ half past nine.
- I'm going to sleep late _____ tomorrow morning.
- My mother's coming to stay for two weeks _____ January.
- My cat sleeps all day and wakes up _____ night.
- What did you do _____ last weekend?
- It's Andy's birthday _____ the thirteenth of October.

Activity 5 – Match the two parts of the sentences.

- Look at the time! We'd better go...
 - It's my mother's birthday today...
 - I've got an exam tomorrow...
 - You'd better take an umbrella...
 - You'd better tell him the truth...
- ...so I'd better phone her this evening.
 - ...before someone else does.
 - ...or we'll miss the train.
 - ...so I'd better go to bed early tonight.
 - ...if it's going to rain.

Activity 6 - Match the questions and the answers.

- Are you working at the moment?
 - Have you ever worked in a shop before?
 - Are you good at dealing with people?
 - Does your visa say you can work in this country?
 - Do you want to ask any questions about the job?
 - Can you start on Monday?
- No, I haven't. This is my first job.
 - No thank you, I think you've explained everything.
 - No, I'm a student.
 - Of course. Thank you. I'll see you then.
 - Oh, yes. I'm very friendly and sociable.
 - Yes. Here it is. You can see.

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 7 - Put the words in the right order.

1. you moment working at the are ?
2. worked you a ever before have in shop ?
3. dealing good are at people you with ?
4. in visa does your say can this work you country ?
5. want you to job ask do questions about any the?
6. you Monday start on can ?

Activity 8 - Type the missing words.

1. _____ you working at the moment?
2. _____ you ever worked in a shop before?
3. _____ you good at dealing with people?
4. _____ your visa say you can work in this country?
5. _____ you want to ask any questions about the job?
6. _____ you start on Monday?

Activity 9 - Put the words in the spaces.

advert application form apply
 company covering letter CV
 got interview

I saw an _____ in the newspaper and I decided to _____ for the job. I emailed the _____ to ask for an _____ to fill in. I sent them a copy of my _____ and wrote a _____ saying why I was interested in the job. Then they phoned and asked me to go for an _____. And I _____ the job!

Activity 10 – Write to us!

Tell us about your favourite time of day. Do you like to wake up first thing in the morning before everyone else? Perhaps you are happiest late at night or in the afternoon?

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Activity 1

True: 1 / 2 / 3 / 6 / 8 - False: 4 / 5 / 7

Activity 2

days of the week: on Monday / on Thursday / on Saturday
 specific dates: on the 1st January / on the 25th April / on the 13th October

months: in March / in August / in December
 seasons: in the spring / in the summer / in the autumn / in the winter

parts of the day: in the morning / in the afternoon / in the evening / at night

Activity 3

on: Thursday / 25th April / my birthday

at: half past six / the weekend / night

/r: the summer / the morning / January

no preposition: tomorrow morning / next Thursday / last weekend

Activity 4

1. on / 2. in / 3. at / 4. (no preposition) / 5. in / 6. at / 7. (no preposition) / 8. on

Activity 5

1c / 2a / 3d / 4e / 5b

Activity 6

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

Activity 7

1. Are you working at the moment?
2. Have you ever worked in a shop before?
3. Are you good at dealing with people?
4. Does your visa say you can work in this country?
5. Do you want to ask any questions about the job?
6. Can you start on Monday?

Activity 8

1. Are / 2. Have / 3. Are / 4. Does / 5. Do / 6. Can

Activity 9

I saw an **advert** in the newspaper and I decided to **apply** for the job. I e-mailed the **company** to ask for an **application form** to fill in. I sent them a copy of my **CV** and wrote a **covering letter** saying why I was interested in the job. Then they phoned and asked me to go for an **interview**. And I **got** the job!