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Adam

Adam: Hi everyone – I'm Adam.

It's good to be back with you. My holiday was in Europe. I saw my family in Scotland, but I also visited Belgium and Germany for a couple of days.

Rob is away this week, but he's not on holiday. He's travelling for work.

In the last podcast Tess & Ravi talked about football hooligans and we asked you to tell us what you think about football. Well, I'm a bit surprised by your answers; so many of you don't like football! Lyudmila in Russia, booky in Egypt, Angelo in Italy, Ana in Spain, Lamai in Thailand and Sankio in Poland. Guisouzarego in Brazil talked about football and money. He says it's the 'politics of bread and circuses'. One of you even said football is for donkeys! I'd better not say his name...

Not all of you hate football though. We had fans of Flamengo in Brazil, Galatasaray in Turkey, Santiago Wanderers in Chile and Wangmanhang in Taiwan is a big fan of Arsenal in England.

Thanks for all your comments about football. There are so many that we can't mention them all but we love reading them. And we're happy too that you're still adding comments to the other questions we asked you. Sunghun, who's from Korea but lives in Australia, told us a very nice 'first job' story and advised us, 'I hope that everyone calls their parents today and says 'I love you'.'

It's really great to hear all your comments and remember, you can join in and add your own comments by going to www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish. Or finding us on Facebook – look for 'Elementary Podcasts'.

Now, we're back with Carolina this week. You remember that Carolina was worried about

money and decided to get a job? Let's see what happens next.

Carolina

Emily: Hi Jamie. I was just going out.

Jamie: Hi Emily. Is Carolina in?

Emily: Yeah, go on in. She's in the kitchen. But she's on the phone. She's found a job.

Jamie: Already?

Emily: Yeah. That convenience store at the university, you know, the one that's open all day Sunday. They want part-time staff. Well, she hasn't *got* it yet – she's speaking to the manager now.

Jamie: Hmm.

Emily: Anyway, I must go. See you.

Carolina: Yes that's right. I'm a student. From Venezuela. Yes, I think my English is OK ...

Jamie: Say it's good – very good!

Carolina: Good actually, um, it's very good. Come in and talk to you? Yes, of course I can. I'm free tomorrow morning. Now?! Come and see you now? Um, I, um...

Jamie: Say yes! What's the matter?

Carolina: OK, um, yes, of course. Now. Half past ten. OK. Thank you very much. Goodbye. Oh, Jamie – he wants me to go and talk to him. *Now!*

Jamie: Well, of course he does.

Carolina: Well, yes of course. But *now!*? What am I going to wear? I need to print out my CV – oh dear, and I should write a list of questions.

Jamie: Whoa. Calm down. This isn't going to be a formal job interview. He won't want to see

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your CV. He only wants to see you and talk to you before he decides.

Carolina: Are you sure?

Jamie: Pretty sure. And what you're wearing now is fine.

Carolina: Shouldn't I wear a suit?

Jamie: Carolina, it's the convenience store at the university – not an international bank.

Carolina: OK.

Jamie: How many hours is the job?

Carolina: He said fifteen hours a week.

Jamie: And which days? Is it weekends? Evenings?

Carolina: I don't know yet.

Jamie: Think about this carefully, Carolina. If you're working in the evenings and at weekends, when are you going to study? And when are we going to see each other?

Carolina: I have to get a job Jamie. Well, I'd better go. I mustn't be late.

Jamie: OK. I'll walk to the bus stop with you. And good luck, OK?

Carolina: Thanks.

Mr Spencer: So, Miss del Barco. You've never worked in a shop before.

Carolina: No, no I haven't. But I know I can do it.

Mr Spencer: It isn't easy in this shop. We sell food, cigarettes, alcohol, newspapers – everything. And it can get very busy – you need to be quick, think fast, be efficient.

Carolina: Oh, yes. I can do that. Definitely.

Mr Spencer: Are you good with money? Good with numbers?

Carolina: Oh yes. Very good.

Mr Spencer: And your visa says you can work here?

Carolina: Yes. I can show you. Here it is.

Mr Spencer: I need someone to start immediately.

Carolina: Yes. Of course.

Mr Spencer: OK. The job's yours.

Carolina: Oh! Thank you!

Mr Spencer: Thursday evening, Friday evening and Saturday from four till midnight. See you on Thursday at half past six.

Carolina: OK. I'll be here. Thank you very much.

Adam

Adam: So, Carolina got the job. Good news!

When we think about job interviews we usually think about something quite formal. You have to wear a suit or smart clothes and answer lots of questions. But for this kind of part-time job you usually don't need to do a formal interview. The manager just asked Carolina one or two questions. Has she worked in a shop before? Is she good with money? And that was enough, she got the job.

Today I want to look at prepositions, in particular prepositions of time. Listen to these bits again:

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Jamie: Think about this carefully, Carolina. If you're working in the evenings and at weekends, when are you going to study?

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Carolina: Come in and talk to you? Yes, of course I can. I'm free tomorrow morning.

Adam: The manager said 'See you **on** Thursday **at** 6 o'clock' – why is it '**on** Thursday', but '**at** 6 o'clock'? And '**at** weekends' and '**in** the evenings'. Does it seem a bit confusing?

Well – we use '**at**' with times – '**at** 6 o'clock', with '*the weekend*' and with '*night*'.

We use '**on**' with days – '**on** Monday', and with dates '**on** the twenty fifth of April'.

And we use 'in' with months – '**in** September' - with seasons – '**in** summer' and with parts of the day – '**in** the morning'.

There are also times when we don't use a preposition at all – with '*tomorrow*' and '*yesterday*' – '*I'll see you tomorrow morning*' – and with '*next*' and '*last*' – '*see you next time*'.

If you find it difficult, try the exercises with this podcast – they'll help you practise.

You might need to use some of these prepositions when you write to us this time. I'd like you to tell us about your favourite time of day. I like getting up late, but not in the afternoon! I don't want to have breakfast at 2pm. I also like to stay up late at night when it's quiet, but I don't think it's very healthy.

What about you? Are you happiest in the morning or at night? Or maybe in the afternoon? Write and tell us, here's where you can send your answers:

www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish or on Facebook, look for Elementary Podcasts.

Well, that's all for this time. Thanks for listening. We'll be back with Tess and Ravi in the next podcast. See you soon!