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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.

1. Carolina is enjoying her new job in the shop.
2. She wears a uniform at work.
3. She likes working with Alice and Mr Spencer.
4. She sometimes gets bored at work.
5. Carolina and Emily decide to go to the cinema.
6. Cameron is a friend of Emily's.
7. He's the singer in Jamie's band.
8. He works in a bookshop.

Activity 2 – Match the items

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| a. 7.00 | b. 7.10 |
| c. 7.15 | d. 7.20 |
| e. 7.30 | f. 7.40 |
| g. 7.45 | h. 7.50 |

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| 1. half past seven | 2. quarter past seven |
| 3. quarter to eight | 4. seven o'clock |
| 5. ten past seven | 6. ten to eight |
| 7. twenty past seven | 8. twenty to eight |

Activity 3 - Put the words in the spaces

I'm fourteen years old and I really hate living in a small village!

There's _____ to go in the evenings and there's _____ to do here. And there's _____ the same age as me so there's _____ to talk to. It's terrible. But _____ in my family agrees with me so there's _____ I can do about it. There's _____ else for me to live!

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| no one | no one | no one |
| nothing | nothing | nowhere |
| nowhere | | |

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 4 – Put the telephone conversation in order.

- a. Rachel: Hello Mary. It's Rachel here.
- b. Mary: About eight?
- c. Mary: Great. I'd love to. Which day's best?
- d. Mary: Hi Rachel. I haven't seen you for ages!
- e. Mary: I'm looking forward to it. Bye!
- f. Mary: Yes, Saturday's fine. Let's meet at The Old Duck for a drink.
- g. Rachel: How about Saturday?
- h. Rachel: I know! But I'll be in London next week, so why don't we have dinner?
- i. Rachel: That's a good idea. What time?

Activity 5 – Put the words in the spaces.

Rachel: Hello, Mary. It's Rachel here.
Mary: Hi Rachel. I haven't seen you ¹ _____ !
Rachel: I know! But I'll be in London next week, so why ² _____ have dinner?
Mary: Great. I'd ³ _____. Which day's best?
Rachel: ⁴ _____ Saturday?
Mary: Yes, Saturday's fine. ⁵ _____ meet at The Old Duck for a drink.
Rachel: That's a ⁶ _____. What time?
Mary: About eight?
Rachel: Perfect. ⁷ _____ at eight.
Mary: ⁸ _____ forward to it. Bye!

best	don't we	for ages
good idea	how about	I'm looking
let's	love to	See you

Activity 6 - Choose the two answers that are possible.

1. A: Hello. My name's John Rivers.
B: I'm Linda Clarke. a) How do you do?
b) Nice to meet you.
c) My pleasure.
2. A: Hello, Emily. a) How are things?
b) How do you do?
c) How are you?
B: Great, thanks.
3. A: How do you do?
B: a) I'm very well, thanks
b) How do you do?
c) Pleased to meet you.
4. A: a) It is my husband Stephen.
b) Meet my husband Stephen.
c) This is my husband Stephen.
B: Hi! I'm Graham. Nice to meet you!
5. A: Let me introduce Mr Winthrop, my boss.
B: a) Pleased to meet you
b) How do you do?
c) Are you fine?

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Activity 7 - Match the questions and the answers.

- I work for an insurance company in London.
- Not far from here – Redhill Street.
- I'm having a great time.
- Yes, please.
- Yes, we went to school together.
- I moved here last October.

- Are you enjoying the party?
- Are you a friend of Mark's?
- How long have you been in London?
- What do you do?
- Where do you live?
- Can I get you another drink?

Activity 8 – Complete the 'follow-up' questions.

- A: Are you enjoying the party?
 B: I'm having a great time.
 A: What _____ you think of the music?
- A: Are you a friend of Mark's?
 B: Yes, we went to school together.
 A: And _____ you know his girlfriend Daisy?

- A: How long have you been in London?
 B: Since last October.
 A: And where _____ you live before?
- A: What do you do?
 B: I work for an insurance company in London.
 A: And _____ you like working there?
- A: Where do you live?
 B: Not far from here – Redhill Street.
 A: And _____ you got a house or a flat?
- A: Can I get you another drink?
 B: Yes, please.
 A: _____ you like wine or fruit juice?

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

Do you like your job – or your studies or your school? We'd like to hear what you like or what you don't like about your job. Is it interesting and exciting or is it boring and badly paid?

Leave a comment

on <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-03-episode-10> and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers
Activity 1 True: 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 False: 1, 3, 6,
Activity 2 1.e, 2.c, 3.g, 4.a, 5.b, 6.h, 7.d, 8.f
Activity 3 1.nowhere, 2.nothing, 3.no one, 4.no one, 5.no one, 6.nothing, 7. nowhere
Activity 4 1.a, 2.d, 3.h, 4.c, 5.g, 6.f, 7.i, 8.b, 9.e
Activity 5 1.for ages 2.don't we 3.love to 4.How about 5.Let's 6.good idea 7.See you 8.I'm looking
Activity 6 1. a,b, 2.a,c, 3.b,c, 4.b,c, 5.a,b
Activity 7 1.c, 2.e, 3.f, 4.a, 5.b, 6.d
Activity 8 1.do 2.do 3.did 4.do 5.have 6.would