

**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 the sentences that are true.**

1. Carolina and Emily are at the coast.
2. Emily doesn't like Cameron.
3. Carolina thinks Cameron likes Emily.
4. They both think he's got a nice laugh.
5. Emily Cameron contacted Emily on Facebook.
6. Cameron wants Emily's phone number.
7. Emily agrees to give Cameron her number.
8. Carolina and Emily meet Cameron at the coast.

**Activity 2 – Can you remember who said these things in the podcast?**

1. Well, I don't *not* like him, if you know what I mean.  
a) Carolina    b) Emily
2. Oh no. He likes you. 'Friend' doesn't mean 'friend'.  
a) Carolina    b) Emily
3. I'm not going to phone him. Stop it. Now.  
a) Carolina    b) Emily
4. Ha ha! Told you so.  
a) Carolina    b) Emily
5. Stop it. You're making me nervous.  
a) Carolina    b) Emily
6. Phew. That was hard work.  
a) Carolina    b) Emily
7. I can hear Cameron.  
a) Carolina    b) Emily
8. You're terrible!  
a) Carolina    b) Emily

*Answers are at the end of this support pack.*

### Activity 3 – Put the words in the right group.

1. My... a used song grandfather to sing
2. I'm... Internet going it the when find get to home on we
3. He's... most awful heard got ever the laugh I've
4. He... friend sent on yesterday me Facebook a request
5. Can... Jamie your number? Cameron phone give
6. There's... be about nothing nervous

### Activity 4 – Words that sound the same – 'homophones'. Match the words to the definitions.

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|------------|----------|------------|
| a) peace   | b) witch | c) son     |
| d) aloud   | e) which | f) piece   |
| g) past    | h) week  | i) guest   |
| j) guessed | k) sun   | l) allowed |
| m) passed  | n) weak  |            |

1. a part of something
2. the opposite of 'war'
3. your boy child
4. our planet goes around it
5. a pronoun – it means 'that'
6. a woman who has magic powers
7. the opposite of 'future'
8. a form of the verb 'pass'
9. a form of the verb 'guess'
10. someone you invite to your house
11. 'permitted' – it's OK to do it
12. in a voice that other people can hear
13. the opposite of 'strong'

14. period of seven days

### Activity 5 – Choose the right word to complete the sentence.

1. Would you like another \_\_\_\_\_ of cake?  
a) piece      b) peace
2. I've got six daughters and only one \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) son      b) sun
3. People usually like to spend Christmas with \_\_\_\_\_ families.  
a) there      b) their
4. She came out of hospital yesterday but she's still very \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) week      b) weak
5. Everyone in the class \_\_\_\_\_ the exam.  
a) past      b) passed
6. 'Imagine', \_\_\_\_\_ was written by John Lennon, is a very well-known song.  
a) which      b) witch
7. Give my love to \_\_\_\_\_ sister when you see her.  
a) your      b) you're
8. You can't take that suitcase on the plane – it's \_\_\_\_\_ big.  
a) too      b) two
9. I'm sorry – smoking isn't \_\_\_\_\_ in this restaurant.  
a) allowed      b) aloud
10. I didn't know any of the answers so I just \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) guest      b) guessed

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**Activity 6 – Are these pairs of words homophones? Say them to yourself. Do they sound the same or different? Write S for same or D for different.**

*(Note that this exercise is designed to work with most English accents - some words may sound different in other accents)*

1. sea, see
2. ill, hill
3. ate, eight
4. where, wear
5. here, hear
6. his, he's
7. ice, eyes
8. this, these
9. knows, nose
10. new, knew
11. hour, our
12. three, tree
13. live, leave
14. shoes, choose
15. place, plays
16. day, they
17. would, wood
18. won, one

**Activity 7 – When do we make these noises in English? Match the noises with their meanings.**

Brr	Eek	Ha ha
Hmm	Oops	Ow
Phew	Ssh	Wow
Yippee		

1. I'm cold.
2. I'm a bit scared about it
3. It was hard work, but now it's finished.
4. I'm happy about something.
5. I was right and you were wrong!
6. I've made a mistake.
7. That hurts!
8. I think that's fantastic!
9. I'm not sure I agree with you – let me think.
10. Stop talking!

**Activity 8 – Put the verbs in the spaces**

feel	hear	see
smell	taste	

1. There's Susan over there near the bar – I can \_\_\_\_\_ her red hat.
2. The restaurant must be near here – I can \_\_\_\_\_ the grilled fish.
3. I like walking by the coast - I can \_\_\_\_\_ the sea air clearing my head.
4. This soup's got too much salt! I can't \_\_\_\_\_ any of the vegetables.
5. So the neighbours are back from holiday. I can \_\_\_\_\_ their television.

**Activity 9 – Leave a comment.**

Do you have lots of online friends? And do you know all of those friends in real life? Is online friendship different from real life?

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<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-03-episode-14> and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

**Answers****Activity 1**

True: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7

False: 2, 4, 8

**Activity 2**

1.b, 2.a, 3.b, 4.a, 5.b, 6.a, 7.a, 8.b

**Activity 3**

1. My grandfather used to sing a song.
2. I'm going to find it on the Internet when we get home.
3. He's got the most awful laugh I've ever heard.
4. He sent me a friend request on Facebook yesterday.
5. Can Jamie give Cameron your phone number?
6. There's nothing to be nervous about.
7. I'll tell Jamie to give it to him.

**Activity 4**

1. piece, 2. peace, 3. son, 4. sun, 5. which, 6. witch, 7. past, 8. passed, 9. guessed, 10. guest, 11. allowed, 12. aloud, 13. weak, 14. week

**Activity 5**

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

**Activity 6**

1.S, 2.D, 3.S, 4.S, 5.S, 6.D, 7.D, 8.D, 9.S, 10.S, 11.S, 12.D, 13.D, 14.D, 15.D, 16.D, 17.S, 18.S

**Activity 7**

1. Brr, 2. Eek, 3. Phew, 4. Yippee, 5. Ha ha, 6. Oops, 7. Ow, 8. Wow, 9. Hmm, 10. Ssh

**Activity 8**

1. see, 2. smell, 3. feel, 4. taste, 5. hear