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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 - Comprehension. Choose the sentences that are true according to what you heard in the podcast.

1. Elizabeth became queen in 1952.
2. The Queen is married to a Greek man.
3. The Queen has four children.
4. Princess Anne is her oldest child.
5. Prince Charles will be the next king.
6. Charles and Camilla have two children.
7. The Queen has more political power than the Prime Minister.
8. Ravi would like to be a prince.

Activity 2 - Comprehension. Match the names to the descriptions, according to what you heard in the podcast.

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| a) Prince Andrew | e) Prince Philip |
| b) Prince Charles | f) Prince William |
| c) Prince Edward | g) Princess Anne |
| d) Prince Harry | h) Princess Diana |
| | i) Queen Elizabeth |

1. Her father died when she was twenty-six.
2. His title is the Duke of Edinburgh.
3. He's married to the Duchess of Cornwall.
4. Her title is the Princess Royal.
5. He used to be married to Sarah Ferguson.
6. He's the youngest of the Queen's children.
7. He's married to Kate Middleton.
8. He's William's younger brother.
9. She was William and Harry's mother.

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 3 - We write the names of kings and queens with Roman numerals (I, V, X for 1, 5, 10) but we use 'ordinal numbers' (e.g. first, fifth, tenth) when we say them. Put the ordinal numbers in the spaces.

- a) the First e) the Fifth
b) the Second f) the Sixth
c) the Third g) the Seventh
d) the Fourth h) the Eighth

1. William I became king in 1066. We say 'William _____'.
2. Henry VIII had six wives. We say 'Henry _____'.
3. William IV was king before Victoria was queen. We say 'William _____'.
4. Edward VII was Queen Victoria's son. We say 'Edward _____'.
5. George VI was Elizabeth's father. We say 'George _____'.
6. Elizabeth II is queen today. We say 'Elizabeth _____'.
7. Prince Charles will be Charles III. We say 'Charles _____'.
8. Prince William will be William V. We say 'William _____'.

Activity 4 - Put the words in the right spaces.

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| fell | met |
| got divorced | to start |
| got engaged | went out |
| | get married |

John and Sally _____ at university. They were in the same study group and they _____ in love at first sight! They _____ together for two years, then John asked Sally to marry him and they _____. They waited until they finished university to _____. Two years later, when they both had good jobs they decided _____ a family and they had two children. Unfortunately, things didn't go very well and they _____ after seven years of marriage.

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 5 - Family vocabulary. Read these sentences about Emily and Roy's family and put the words in the spaces.

aunt	nephew
brother-in-law	niece
cousins	sister-in-law
daughter	son
daughter-in-law	stepdaughter
grandchildren	stepfather
grandparents	uncle
husband	wife
	mother-in-law

1. Emily is married to Roy. Roy is her _____. Emily is Roy's _____.
2. Emily and Roy have two children - one _____, John, and one _____, Victoria. John is Victoria's _____ and Victoria is John's _____. Emily and Roy's parents are John and Victoria's _____. John and Victoria are their _____.
3. Roy has a brother, Duncan. Duncan is Emily's _____. Emily is Duncan's _____. Roy's mother is Emily's _____. Emily is her _____.
4. Emily's mother has a brother, Jim. Jim is Emily's _____. His wife, Bertha, is Emily's _____. Jim and Bertha have five children. The children are Emily's _____.
5. Emily's father died when she was young and her mother married Mick. Mick is Emily's _____. Emily is Mick's _____.
6. Emily has a sister. The sister has a son and a daughter. The son is Emily's _____ and the daughter is Emily's _____.

Activity 6 - A logic problem. Read the information and the clues and type the names in the spaces.

David is on holiday with some of his family - his father, his mother, his brother, his sister, his aunt and his cousin.

Their names are Peter, John and Luke (male) and Pamela, Janine and Linda (female).

Clues:

Peter isn't David's cousin.

Linda isn't his aunt.

Luke isn't David's brother.

David's sister's name starts with a P.

David's father's name is John.

1. _____ is David's mother.
2. _____ is David's father.
3. _____ is David's sister.
4. _____ is David's brother.
5. _____ is David's aunt.
6. _____ is David's cousin.

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 7 – Put the words in the right spaces.

older second youngest
oldest the youngest
second oldest younger

There are four children in the Thomas family, two girls and two boys. Jane is ten, Ruben is eight, John is six, and Melanie is two.

1. Jane is the _____ child.
2. Ruben is the _____.
3. Ruben is _____ than John.
4. John is the _____.
5. Melanie is _____ than John.
6. Melanie is the _____.

Activity 8 – Write the missing words in the spaces. Use 'older', 'oldest', 'younger' or 'youngest'.

There are five children in the Smith family, three boys and two girls. Charles is sixteen, Maria is thirteen, Elizabeth is eleven, Michael is eight, and William is four.

1. Charles is the _____ child in the family.
2. Maria is _____ than Charles.
3. Maria is the second _____ child in the family.
4. Maria is the _____ girl in the family.
5. Maria is _____ than Elizabeth.
6. Elizabeth is the _____ girl in the family.
7. Elizabeth is _____ than Michael.
8. Michael is the second _____ child in the family.
9. William is _____ than Michael.
10. William is the _____ child in the family.

Activity 9 – Leave a comment.

Do you live in a country which has a king or queen? Did you have to learn the names of kings and queens in history at school? Are the names for family members more specific in your language than in English? And do tell us about your family!

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Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

True 1, 2, 3, 5,

False

4, 6, 7, 8

Activity 2

1.i, 2.e, 3.b, 4.g, 5.a, 6.c, 7.f, 8.d, 9.h

Activity 3

1.a, 2.h, 3.d, 4.g, 5.f, 6.b, 7.c, 8.e

Activity 4

met / fell / went / got engaged / get married / to start / got divorced

Activity 5

1. husband / wife
2. son / daughter / brother / sister / grandparents / grandchildren
3. brother-in-law / sister-in-law / mother-in-law / daughter-in-law
4. uncle / aunt / cousins
5. stepfather / stepdaughter
6. nephew / niece

Activity 6

1. Linda, 2. John, 3. Pamela, 4. Peter, 5. Janine, 6. Luke.

Activity 7

1. oldest, 2. second oldest, 3. older, 4. second youngest, 5. younger, 6. youngest.

Activity 8

1. oldest, 2. younger, 3. oldest, 4. oldest, 5. older, 6. youngest, 7. older, 8. youngest, 9. younger, 10. youngest

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