

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 all of the sentences that are true according to the podcast.

1. Loch Ness is a big lake in Scotland.
2. Ravi doesn't believe there's a monster in Loch Ness.
3. The newspapers invented the monster in 1933
4. Some people think the monster might be a dinosaur.
5. Scientists have proved that the monster died.
6. A lot of people go to Loch Ness.
7. There are films and books about the monster.
8. Tess and Ravi would like to know if there really is a monster.

Activity 2 – Put the words in order to make sentences from the podcast.

1. think / exists / ? / it really / you / Do
2. is / lake / of Scotland. / Loch Ness / north / a big / in the
3. of years. / have / stories / for hundreds / There / been
4. have / different / been / explanations. / There / lots of
5. there's / of / prove that / a monster. / None / the photos
6. It / a bit / isn't / is / unbelievable / it?
7. the most / Loch Ness / one of / tourist attractions / in Scotland. / important / is
8. hundreds of / every / visitors / year. / It gets / thousands of

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 3 – Vocabulary. Put the words in the right spaces. Don't look back at activity 2!

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| a) attractions | e) prove |
| b) exists | f) stories |
| c) explanations | g) unbelievable |
| d) lake | h) visitors |

- Do you think it really _____?
- Loch Ness is a big _____ in the north of Scotland.
- There have been _____ for hundreds of years.
- There have been lots of different _____.
- None of the photos _____ that there's a monster.
- It is a bit _____, isn't it?
- Loch Ness is one of the most important tourist _____ in Scotland.
- It gets hundreds of thousands of _____ every year.

Activity 4 - Past simple. Put the verbs in the right place.

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|---------|---------|
| died | thought |
| existed | was |
| found | watched |
| had | went |
| saw | wrote |

Someone said that they _____ the Loch Ness monster in 1933. The newspapers _____ about 'Nessie' and everyone _____ crazy. A lot of people believed the story and _____ that the monster was real. Some people said they _____ photographs of the monster. People _____ the lake but no-one _____ Nessie. No-one could prove that she really _____. Some people think there _____ a monster in the lake once, but it _____.

Activity 5 – Write the past simple forms of these verbs. Don't look back at Activity 4!

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|-------|-------|
| be | _____ |
| die | _____ |
| exist | _____ |
| find | _____ |
| go | _____ |
| have | _____ |
| see | _____ |
| think | _____ |
| watch | _____ |
| write | _____ |

Activity 6 – Match the two halves of the sentences.

- It would be fantastic if
 - If there really was a monster,
 - If they didn't have the monster,
 - I'd be very excited
 - Would you go to Loch Ness
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- if I saw the monster
 - if you visited Britain?
 - no-one would go to Loch Ness.
 - someone would find it.
 - there was a monster in Loch Ness.

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Activity 7 - Put the verbs in the spaces.

asked	'd get
didn't live	'd start
found	would help
had	would learn
went	would you do
won	would you keep

1. You _____ English easily if you _____ to class every week.
2. If I _____ more time, I _____ doing yoga.
3. If I _____ in a small flat, I _____ a dog.
4. I'm sure she _____ you if you _____ her nicely.
5. If you _____ some money in the street, _____ it?
6. What _____ if you _____ a lot of money on the lottery?

Activity 8 - Match the names to the descriptions.

England	Scotland
Great Britain	The United Kingdom (UK)
Northern Ireland	Wales

1. The big island next to France. It consists of England, Scotland and Wales.
2. The name of the independent country that consists of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
3. The biggest part of the island of Great Britain. Its capital city is London.
4. The part in the north of the island of Great Britain. Its capital city is Edinburgh.
5. The part in the west of the island of Great Britain. Its capital city is Cardiff.
6. The place in the northeast of Ireland that is part of the United Kingdom. Its capital city is Belfast.

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Answers**Activity 1**

True: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7
False: 3, 5, 8

Activity 2

1. Do you think it really exists?
2. Loch Ness is a big lake in the north of Scotland.
3. There have been stories for hundreds of years.
4. There have been lots of different explanations.
5. None of the photos prove that there's a monster.
6. It is a bit unbelievable isn't it?
7. Loch Ness is one of the most important tourist attractions in Scotland.
8. It gets hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.

Activity 3

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

Activity 4

saw / wrote / went / thought / had / watched / found /
existed / was / died

Activity 5

was, were / died / existed / found / went / had / saw /
thought / watched / wrote

Activity 6

1.e; 2.d; 3.c; 4.a; 5.b;

Activity 7

1. would learn/went; 2. had/d start; 3. didn't live/d get;
4. would help/asked; 5. found/would you keep;
6. would you do/won

Activity 8

1. Great Britain; 2. The United Kingdom; 3. England;
4. Scotland; 5. Wales; 6. Northern Ireland