

Elementary Podcasts Series 4 Episode 7

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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 follow 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.

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

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

1. Oxford Street is Ravi's favourite shopping place in London.
2. Ravi likes Christmas shopping in Oxford Street.
3. Tess likes Christmas shopping in Oxford Street.
4. Covent Garden is a fruit and vegetable market.
5. Covent Garden has interesting lights.
6. Tess and Ravi both like Portobello Road market.
7. Ravi likes buying second-hand clothes.
8. Ravi doesn't like Camden Market.

Activity 2

What do Tess and Ravi say about these places? Match the descriptions to the places.

- a) has a long history
- b) has a lot of big department stores
- c) has good restaurants
- d) is a good place to buy Indian and Middle Eastern things
- e) is a good place to buy second-hand clothes
- f) is three kilometres long
- g) opens every day

h) opens on Saturdays

1. Oxford Street
2. Covent Garden
3. Portobello Road
4. Camden Market

Activity 3

Match the definitions to the shops.

- a) where you can buy rings, necklaces and watches
- b) a shop that sells valuable things from the past, like old clocks or plates
- c) an open space, maybe in a park or a street, where people sell things
- d) a shop that buys and sells things that people don't want any more, like old clothes and shoes
- e) a shop that sells newspapers, magazines and cigarettes
- f) where you can buy medicines and vitamins and things like shampoo
- g) a very big shop, where you can buy a lot of different things

1. a market
2. a department store
3. a second-hand shop
4. an antique shop
5. a newsagent's
6. a jeweller's
7. a chemist's

Activity 4

The history of Covent Garden. Put the verbs in the right spaces.

- a) became
- b) had
- c) kept
- d) moved
- e) opened
- f) produced
- g) was
- h) were

The History of Covent Garden

In the thirteenth century Covent Garden (1)_____ a convent. The monks and nuns (2)_____ a big garden and they (3)_____ lots of fruit and vegetables. So the name 'Covent Garden' comes from 'convent garden'. Later the place (4)_____ a fruit and vegetable market until 1974 when it (5)_____. They (6)_____ the original buildings and (7)_____ a new market selling all sorts of interesting things. Next time you're in the old market, look up at the top of the lights. On top of each light there's a pineapple. It shows how important fruit and vegetables (8)_____ to Covent Garden.

Activity 5

Put the words in order to make questions about Covent Garden.

1. 'Covent Garden' / Where / come / does / from? / the name
2. a / Covent Garden / did / become / When / convent?
3. did / and nuns / What / the monks / produce?
4. move? / the fruit / market / When / and vegetable / did
5. the / keep / original / Did / they / buildings?
6. does / new / sell? / What / the / market
7. of / can / see / the lights? / What / you / on top
8. fruit and vegetables / Were / Covent Garden? / to / important

Activity 6

Using 'too'. Match the endings to the beginnings.

Endings

- a) she should wait.
- b) I can't eat it all.
- c) I need to move.
- d) it's school tomorrow.
- e) I don't know where to put them all.
- f) she said it was too long.
- g) you'll get fat.
- h) I can't sleep.
- i) I failed the exam.
- j) there are too many tourists.

Beginnings

1. My house is too small –

2. This is too much food for me –
3. She's too young to get married –
4. I made too many mistakes so
5. If I drink too much coffee
6. Don't stay out too late –
7. My boss didn't like my report –
8. I don't like London in August –
9. I've got too many books –
10. If you eat too much fast food

Activity 7

Choose the right answer. Don't look back at Activity 6!

1. 1. My house is _____ small – I need to move.
 - a) too
 - b) too much
 - c) too many
2. This is _____ food for me – I can't eat it all.
 - a) too
 - b) too much
 - c) too many
3. She's _____ young to get married – she should wait.
 - a) too
 - b) too much
 - c) too many
4. I made _____ mistakes so I failed the exam.
 - a) too
 - b) too much

- c) too many
5. If I drink _____ coffee I can't sleep.
- a) too
b) too much
c) too many
6. Don't stay out _____ late – it's school tomorrow.
- a) too
b) too much
c) too many
7. My boss didn't like my report – she said it was _____ long.
- a) too
b) too much
c) too many
8. I don't like London in August – there are _____ tourists.
- a) too
b) too much
c) too many
9. I've got _____ books – I don't know where to put them all.
- a) too
b) too much
c) too many
10. If you eat _____ fast food you'll get fat.
- a) too
b) too much
c) too many

Activity 8

The difference between 'too' and 'very'. Do these sentences make sense with 'too'?

- I don't like Oxford Street at Christmas time – it's too busy.
 - The sentence makes sense with 'too'.
 - The sentence doesn't make sense – change 'too' to 'very'.
- Scotland is too beautiful. You must go there.
 - The sentence makes sense with 'too'.
 - The sentence doesn't make sense – change 'too' to 'very'.
- This food is too nice. Can I have some more?
 - The sentence makes sense with 'too'.
 - The sentence doesn't make sense – change 'too' to 'very'.
- I can't eat this soup. It's too salty.
 - The sentence makes sense with 'too'.
 - The sentence doesn't make sense – change 'too' to 'very'.
- Don't let the kids watch that film – it's too violent for them.
 - The sentence makes sense with 'too'.
 - The sentence doesn't make sense – change 'too' to 'very'.
- You must go and see the new Woody Allen film. It's too funny.
 - The sentence makes sense with 'too'.

- b) The sentence doesn't make sense – change 'too' to 'very'.

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

What are your favourite places to go shopping where you live? Do you like shopping centres? Markets? And have you been to any of the places in London that

Tess and Ravi talked about? Or would you like to?

Leave a comment on

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and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers**Activity 1**

True: 2, 5, 6, 7

False: 1, 3, 4, 8

Activity 2

1.b, f, 2.a, c, 3.e, h, 4.d, g

Activity 3

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

Activity 4

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

Activity 5

1. Where does the name 'Covent Garden' come from?
2. When did Covent Garden become a convent?
3. What did the monks and nuns produce?
4. When did the fruit and vegetable market move?
5. Did they keep the original buildings?
6. What does the new market sell?
7. What can you see on top of the lights?
8. Were fruit and vegetables important to Covent Garden?

Activity 6

1.c, 2.b, 3.a, 4.i, 5.h, 6.d, 7.f, 8.j, 9.e, 10.g

Activity 7

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

Activity 8

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