

Elementary Podcasts Series 4 Episode 18

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 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 the sentences that are true according to the podcast.

1. There are a lot of people at the party.
2. Jamie has finished his course and got his results.
3. Jamie is unhappy because he can't go to Borneo.
4. Jamie's friend Richard knows about the job in Borneo.
5. Jamie promised Carolina not to tell people about the job in Borneo.
6. Cameron wasn't invited to the party.
7. Carolina and Emily are pleased to see Cameron.
8. Two people tell Jamie jokes about orang-utans.

Activity 2

Who said what? Carolina, Emily, Jamie or Cameron?

1. A 2:1 is a great result. Are you pleased?
2. I'm really pleased.
3. Why did he tell you that joke?
4. But we agreed. Not to tell anyone about it yet.
5. I invited him.

6. Yeah, yeah, we agreed, that's right.
OK. I'm sorry.
7. Great. You look fantastic.
8. Hey, Jamie. I heard this joke and I
thought of you.

Activity 3

Match the two halves of the sentences.

- a) and everyone helps each other.
 - b) but I don't agree.
 - c) everyone has to leave the building.
 - d) and everyone is enjoying it.
 - e) so nobody eats meat or fish.
 - f) and everyone respects him.
 - g) to hear the news.
 - h) and nobody's life is perfect.
1. Everybody in my family is vegetarian
 2. It's a great party
 3. When the fire alarm rings,
 4. Everybody thinks that Federer will win,
 5. Mr James is a very good teacher
 6. Everybody was surprised
 7. People at work are very friendly
 8. I think everybody has problems

Activity 4

Choose the right form of the verb.

1. Everybody in my family _____
vegetarian so nobody eats meat or
fish.

- a) is
- b) are
2. It's a great party and everyone
_____ enjoying it.
a) is
b) are
3. When the fire alarm rings, everyone
_____ to leave the building.
a) have
b) has
4. Everybody _____ that Federer
will win, but I don't agree.
a) think
b) thinks
5. Mr James is a very good teacher and
everyone _____ him.
a) respect
b) respects
6. Everybody _____ surprised to
hear the news.
a) were
b) was
7. People at work are very friendly and
everyone _____ each other.
a) help
b) helps
8. I think everybody _____
problems and nobody's life is perfect.
a) has
b) have

Activity 5

Use these words to complete Richard's joke. You can listen to that part of the podcast again to help you.

bathroom

cold

gets

having

other

put

says

two

There are 1. _____ orang-utans in the 2. _____, and one of them's 3. _____ a bath, and he (the orang-utan) 4. _____ into the bath and he 5. _____ 'ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh', and the 6. _____ one says 'Well, 7. _____ some 8. _____ water in then'.

Activity 6

Match the responses to the greetings.

- a) B: You too.
- b) B: That's true.
- c) B: Nothing special.
- d) B: Fine, thanks.
- e) B: Well, thank you! So do you!

1. A: Hi. How are you?
B: _____
2. A: I haven't seen you for a long time.

B: _____

3. A: You look fantastic!
B: _____
4. A: Nice to see you again.
B: _____
5. A: What's new?
B: _____

Activity 7

Write the missing words. Don't look back at Activity 6!

1. A: Hi. _____ are you?
B: Fine, _____.
2. A: I haven't _____ you for a long time.
B: That's _____.
3. A: You _____ fantastic!
B: Well, _____ you! So do you!
4. A: _____ to see you again.
B: You _____.
5. A: _____ new?
B: _____ special.

Activity 8

Phrases to use when you finish a conversation. Put the verbs in the right spaces.

have

have

must

see

take

talk

was

1. _____ you around.
2. _____ care.
3. _____ a good day/weekend.
4. I _____ be going.
5. _____ to you later.

6. It _____ nice to see you.

7. I _____ to go.

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

Have you got a good joke? Tell it to us!

Leave a comment

on <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-04-episode-18> and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers

Activity 1

True: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8

False: 3, 6, 7

Activity 2

1.Emily, 2.Jamie, 3.Carolina, 4.Carolina, 5.Jamie, 6.Jamie, 7.Cameron, 8.Cameron

Activity 3

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

Activity 4

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

Activity 5

1.two, 2.bathroom, 3.having, 4.gets, 5.says, 6.other, 7.put, 8.cold

Activity 6

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

Activity 7

1.How/thanks, 2.seen/true, 3.look/thank, 4.Nice/too, 5.What's/Nothing

Activity 8

1.See, 2.Take, 3.Have, 4.must, 5.Talk, 6.was, 7.have

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