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Elementary Podcasts Series 4 Episode 19

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. People have ideas about Britain that aren't always true.
- 2. Tess and Ravi agree about the British weather.
- 3. Ravi thinks that British food is terrible.
- 4. Tess thinks that British football fans always cause trouble.
- 5. It takes a long time for traditional ideas to change.
- 6. British people really are polite and reserved.
- 7. Ravi has contact with lots of different nationalities online.
- 8. People's ideas about Britain might change in the future.

Activity 2

Put the words in order to make sentences from the podcast.

- of / sounds / None / like / me / this really
- 2. is / complicated / The truth / than the stereotype / always / more
- it's actually / easy to eat / food is / People / think British / terrible but / really well here

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- of people / British football / all hooligans / Lots / think / fans are / causing trouble
- 5. London buses / We / have / any more / don't really / those 'typical'
- 6. Britain / So do / think people's / change then? / you / ideas about / will
- the world / from / I / people / all over / online to / chat
- 8. Britain will / Maybe these / about / the / future / ideas / change in

Activity 3

Are these words 'false friends' in your language? Choose the correct word for each sentence.

- 1. A place where students go to study and learn is called a _____.
 - a) school
 - b) gymnasium
- 2. The person that you work for is called your _____.
 - a) chief
 - b) boss
- A big building with lots of shops is called a _____.
 - a) shopping centre
 - b) shopping
- A place where you buy books is called a ______.
 - a) library
 - b) bookshop

- 5. Jobs like cleaning and washing the dishes are called ______.
 - a) housework
 - b) homework
- If you are talking about something that is happening at the moment, you can say ______.
 - a) nowadays
 - b) actually
- If you are planning to do something, we can say that you ______ to do it.
 - a) pretend
 - b) intend
- 8. If someone gets upset easily we can say that they are very _____.
 - a) sensible
 - b) sensitive

Activity 4

Are the words **in bold** used correctly? Look out for the false friends!

- Some people think Celine Dion is American but she's actually Canadian.
- 2. My brother **pretends** to be a pilot when he finishes school.
- Her flat is really dirty she never does any housework.
- 4. Children **nowadays** spend a lot of time on their computers.
- 5. My **chief** asked me to work late tonight but I said no.



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- 6. I want to buy a good dictionary. Do you know any good **libraries**?
- 7. I was a very **sensitive** child I cried when I got an answer wrong at school.
- 8. There's a big new **shopping** just opened near my house shall we go there tomorrow?

Activity 5

Ordinal numbers. Match the abbreviations to the words.

1st		2nd	3rd
5th		10th	12th
13th		20th	21st
30th		32nd	50th
53rd		100th	
1.	fifth		
2.	fiftieth		
3.	fifty-third		

- 4. first _____
- 5. hundredth _____
- 6. second _____
- 7. tenth _____
- 8. third _____
- 9. thirteenth _____
- 10. thirtieth _____
- 11. thirty-second _____
- 12. twelfth _____
- 13. twentieth _____
- 14. twenty-first _____

Activity 6

Write the ordinal numbers in the spaces.

- This is Tess and Ravi's
 <u>podcast about</u>
 typically British things. (20)
- 2. Barack Obama is the _____ president of the United States. (44)
- 3. *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* is the _____ book in the Harry Potter series. (2)
- 4. Brazil won the World Cup for the _____ time in 2002. (5)
- 5. February the _____ is Valentine's Day. (14)
- 6. Our flat is on the ______ floor. (10)
- 7. Shakespeare was born in the century. (16)
- 8. We are now living in the _____ century. (21)
- 9. The Earth is the _____ planet from the Sun. (3)
- 10. It's our ______ wedding anniversary this year. (12)

Activity 7

Match the two halves of the sentences.

- a) than the stereotype.
- b) is it really true?
- c) it happened to my uncle.
- d) that people think are true.
- e) the truth or lying?



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- f) true or false.
- g) you tell him the truth.
- h) the truth about themselves.
- 1. Stereotypes are things
- 2. The truth is more complicated
- Someone told me you're getting married -
- 4. I'm sure he'll understand if
- 5. Some people don't want to hear
- 6. But is he telling
- 7. Decide if these sentences are
- 8. It's a true story -

Activity 8

Write either 'true' or 'truth' in the gaps. Don't look back at Activity 7!

- 1. Stereotypes are things that people think are _____.
- 2. The is more complicated than the stereotype.

Answers

Activity 1

True: 1, 5, 7, 8

False: 2, 3, 4, 6

Activity 2

- 1. None of this really sounds like me.
- 2. The truth is always more complicated than the stereotype.

- 4. I'm sure he'll understand if you tell him the _____.
- 5. Some people don't want to hear the _____ about themselves.
- 6. But is he telling the _____ or lying?
- 7. Decide if these sentences are or false.
- 8. It's a _____ story it happened to my uncle.

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

What were your favourite topics in this series? What topics would you like Tess and Ravi to talk about in the next series? Leave a comment on http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/ elementary-podcasts/series-04-episode-19

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



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- People think British food is terrible but it's actually easy to eat really well here. 3.
- Lots of people think British football fans are all hooligans causing trouble. 4.
- 5. We don't really have those 'typical' London buses any more.
- So do you think people's ideas about Britain will change, then? 6.
- 7. A chat online to people from all over the world.
- 8. Maybe these ideas about Britain will change in the future.

Activity 3

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

Activity 4

Correct: 1, 3, 4, 7 Wrong: 2, 5, 6, 8

Activity 5

is hour 1.5th, 2.50th, 3.53rd, 4.1st, 5.100th, 6.2nd, 7.10th, 8.3rd, 9.13th, 10.30th, 11.32nd, 12.12th, 13.20th, 14.21st

Activity 6

1.twentieth, 2.forty-fourth, 3.second, 4.fifth, 5.fourteenth, 6.tenth, 7.sixteenth, 8.twenty-first, 9.third, 10.twelfth

Activity 7

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

Activity 8

1.true, 2.truth, 3.true, 4.truth, 5.truth, 6.truth, 7.true, 8.true.