



Support materials

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While you listen

While you listen, read and answer the questions below. Remember that there may be more than one correct answer. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

Section 1

Listen to Tess and Ravi. Tick all the phrases you think are true. There may be more than one right answer.

- 1.
- a) Ravi listens to podcasts
- b) Tess listens to podcasts
- c) Ravi is on Facebook
- d) Tess is on Facebook
- 2.
- e) Ravi tells Tess about a problem that he has
- f) Ravi asks Tess what he should do
- g) Tess gives Ravi some ideas
- h) Ravi thinks all of Tess's ideas are bad

Section 2

- 3. What does Sameena say about meditation? Tick all the phrases you think are true.
- i) Sameena sits on a chair to meditate
- j) Sameena repeats a mantra when she meditates
- k) Meditation always has a religious meaning
- I) Meditation helps you to be healthy

Section 3

- 4. Listen to Davis doing the quiz. How many words does he guess correctly? Tick the correct number.
- a) two
- b) three
- c) four
- d) five

Section 4

- 5. How many people think that space exploration is always a waste of time and money? Tick the correct number.
- a) one
- b) two
- c) three
- d) four

Section 5

Listen to Carolina meeting Jamie's parents. Tick all the phrases you think are true. Remember there may be more than one right answer.

6.

- a) Jamie's father is called Ernie
- b) Carolina likes dogs
- c) Carolina likes her bedroom
- d) Carolina likes Jamie's mother

7.

- a) Jamie's mother is called Mary
- b) Carolina doesn't drink tea
- c) Jamie was born in this house
- d) Jamie still has his old toys in his room

Section 7

- 8. Listen to the joke. Tick all the phrases you think are true. Remember there may be more than one right answer.
- a) The man wants to go to Tokyo
- b) The man wants to go to New York
- c) The man doesn't really want to send his luggage to New York
- d) The man lost his luggage the last time he went to Tokyo



Section 1: Advice - "What do you think I should do?"

Ravi asked Tess to help him with a problem. Look at the table below. You can see the structure of Tess and Ravi's conversation. This structure is very common in English when we want to ask for help with a problem (like Ravi) or when we are giving someone some advice (like Tess).

Conv	ersation	Notes	
Ravi	Oh, that reminds me – I wanted to ask you about something. <i>{pause}</i>	First, book some conversation space – make sure the person has time to talk to you.	
	You know I'm on Facebook, right?	Bring up something you have in common – this is to explain why you think the person can help.	
Tess	Right.	Show that your have understood and that you have time to help.	
Ravi	Well, yesterday I got a message from someone inviting me to be 'friends' and the thing is, I just don't know who she is. I don't recognise her name at all.	Say what the problem is.	
Tess	So, someone wants to be your friend online and you don't know who she is?	Reformulate – describe the problem in different words to show that you understand.	
WV	You're just so popular, Ravi!	Put in a joke?	
Ravi	Well she knows me –but I really can't think who she is. I mean, it's not a really big problem but what do you think I should do Tess?	Add more information. Ask for help with problem.	
Tess	Well, you could just not reply.	Make a suggestion.	
Ravi	But I don't want to be rude to her.	Reject suggestion 1 politely.	
Tess	Or you could ask her where you met.	Make suggestion 2.	
Ravi	Hmm. That's a bit embarrassing.	Reject suggestion 2 politely.	
Tess	Well, why don't you say, yes, you'll be her friend? You don't have to write to her, do you?	Make suggestion 3.	
Ravi	That's true. I'll just say 'yes, let's be friends' and then maybe I'll remember who she is.	Accept suggestion 3.	
Tess	She's probably a friend of a friend or something.	Say something like "I'm sure it will all be okay" to make the other person feel better.	
	Do you often forget people's names?	Then move the conversation on to the next topic	



Section 1 - Advice - Exercise 1

Here are three conversations with people asking other people for advice and ideas. Each conversation has 13 "turns". The problem is that Turns numbered 4 – 12 have been confused. Can you follow the three different conversations to the end?

With highlighter pens, colour the turns in three different colours. The first turn - No. 4 - has been done for you.

Alternatively, you can cut the turn out with a pair of scissors and arrange them on the table.

Conversation A

- ¹Bob! Mr Hi-Tech! Thank goodness. Got a sec?
- ² Morning, Mr Lo-tech! I've always got time for you.
- ³I wanted to ask you something. You've got a laptop, haven't you?
- ⁴ Yes I used to work with her when she was in Accounts.
- ⁵ Well, I've got an Australian cousin visiting, and I promised to take her out for a meal. Got any ideas where I should go?
- ⁶Oh, is she? I didn't know. When did that happen?
- ⁷ It's for Monday, actually, so no problems

⁸ Mmm. Are you sure your new one has wireless access?

Conversation B

- ¹Hi John. Are you in a mad rush? Off for lunch?
- ²Erm, no, not yet.
- ³ Great, because I wondered if you could help me. You're a bit of a foodie, aren't you?
- ⁴Well, some people say so
- ⁵ Well, I've just bought a laptop, but it doesn't seem to get a wireless signal.
- ⁶ So, what? Like you can't get the internet, for example?
- ⁷Oh, it's all very last minute. Man trouble, I think.
- ⁸ Well, you could always ask what sort of food she likes

Conversation C

- ¹ Janet just the person. Got a mo?
- ² Well, I'm quite busy, actually...
- ³ I just need a couple of seconds. You know Ginny from Human Resources, don't you?
- ⁴Yes. My fabulous portable Toshiba.
- Well, she's leaving, and we don't know what to get her. Any ideas?
- ⁶ When for. Tonight? Everywhere's busy on Fridays
- ⁷ Exactly. No surfing for me.
- ⁸ Oh. Poor Ginny. Well, it was a long time ago. Erm, how about a plant for the house. One of those tall ones?





⁹ Yes, I did, but she keeps
saying 'Asian fusion'

⁹ Ahh. Yes. But she's going back to the States so it has to be something she can take with her.

⁹ Yes, there's a little blue light at the front.

¹⁰ Mmm. How far is your new one from your router? You know, the thing with the aerial on top

¹⁰ Well, why don't you get her a DVD? I know she loves British comedy series ¹⁰ Mmm. Well, you could try that new Thai restaurant – it does some Chinese dishes

¹¹ Oh, yes. But we looked in there and she said it looked a bit boring. Do you know anywhere a bit "cooler"?

¹¹Oh, it's in the back room.

¹¹ Okay. Not a bad idea. Anything else you can think of?

¹² Ah. It might be too far away. Try walking towards the router with your laptop, and see what happens.

¹² Oh! Knitting needles. She loves knitting. You could buy her some of those bamboo ones.

¹² Well, you could always take her to Bob's. That's an Australian restaurant that does good food and it's pretty trendy, too. It's a bit pricey, though...

¹³ Good thinking. I'll try that. Thanks

Conversation A

¹³ Never mind. It'll be worth it. Thanks a lot – I might give that a go. Where is it exactly...?

Conversation B

¹³ Brilliant. Thanks. I knew you were the right person to ask. Thanks ever so.

Conversation C

Section 1 - Advice - Exercise 2

Exercise 2

Now you can practice the conversations with a friend. You can use the structure in the table of Tess and Ravi's conversation to help you.

Here are some ideas for problems:

- you want to improve your English pronunciation
- you want to take someone out for a romantic dinner, but you haven't got very much money
- you want to go somewhere different for your holiday next year
- your cat has disappeared
- you wrote a rude email about your boss and sent it to him/her by mistake
- anything else that you can think of!



Section 2 - Would like to talk about

In this section, you heard Sameena talking about meditation. Do you do an activity that you would like to tell us about? Do you meditate or do something else that helps you to relax when you're stressed? Write a paragraph about what you do. Then, if you want, you can send your paragraph to learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org.

Here are some phrases that might help you:

you can	it's good for	I use	
you need to	it can help	I always	
you must	it makes you	I like it because	
you don't have to you should it's a good idea to	I started doing it /because/when/years ago/in 1978 I do it /every day/every week/ once a week/twice a day		

Make some notes below.

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Section 3 – Quiz

Section 3 - Quiz - Exercise 1

The quiz in this episode was about things and places in an airport. Match the words to the definitions.

1	The long, straight road that planes take off from. They land on it as well.
2	The place you go to with all the other passengers just before you get on the plane.
3	The first place you go to when you get to the airport. You go there to put your bags in and they check your passport and ticket and give you a boarding pass.
4	The place where you wait to be called. You can have something to eat or drink, or look at the shops.
5	The place where you go to pick up your suitcase when you get off the plane. It goes round and round.
6	You can buy perfume, cigarettes and alcohol cheaply here.
7	You have to show your passport to someone here.
8	You go through here when you leave the airport. Someone might ask you to open your suitcase.

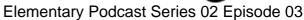
baggage reclaim.
check-in
customs
departure gate
departure lounge
duty free shops
passport control
runway

Section 3 - Quiz - Exercise 2

Here are some more words connected with airports and flying. Use them to fill the spaces in the sentences.

aisle seat	boarding card	cabin crew	departures board	emergency exits
hand luggage	hire a car	pilot	seatbelt	trolley

1.	You need to look at the	to see what time your flight is leaving, and which
	gate to go to.	
2.	You can use a if y	our luggage is very heavy and you don't want to carry it.
3.	You have to show your	before you get on the plane
4.	You have to fasten your	when you take-off and when you land
5.	You can choose a window seat or an _	·
3.	The plane has some	so that you can get out safely if there's an accident.



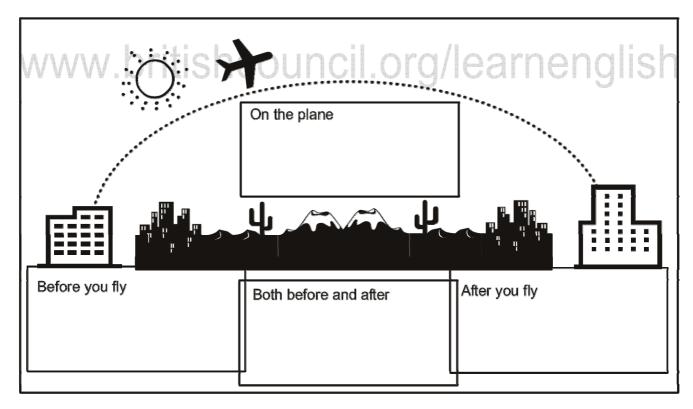


7.	The men and women who look aft	ter the passengers on the plane are called
8.	The man or woman who flies the p	plane is the
9.	You can take	on to the plane with you, but it can't be too big.
10.	D. When you arrive you can get a train, a bus, or a taxi.	
	Or maybe you'd prefer to	

Section 3 - Quiz - Exercise 3

Here are more words and phrases about airports and flying. Some are about things before you fly, or after you arrive, or both. Others refer to while you are on the plane. Add the words to the correct place on the diagram.

duty free shops	baggage reclaim	boarding card	cabin crew	check-in	customs
departures board	departure lounge	departure gate	pilot	hire a car	hand luggage
emergency exits	passport control	aisle seat	runway	seatbelt	trolley







Section 4 – Your turn

In 'Your Turn' this time the question was 'Do you think that space exploration is a waste of time and money?'

What about you? What do you think about space exploration? Do you agree with what any of the people said in the podcast? We'd like you to write to us and tell us your opinion. You can send it to learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org

Here are some ideas to help you:

Some words connected with space exploration:

•	the	universe

- the solar system
- Mars
- the moon
- stars

- black holes
- new planets
- alien life forms
- new sources of water
- new sources of energy
- light years
- · scientific research
- technology
- space travel
- · the speed of light

Some useful verbs:

- to discover
- to explore
- to find

- to look for
- to develop
- to change
- to spend money

 to solve problems

 - to benefit humanity

Some problems in our world today:

- poverty
- global warming
- the environment
- war
- disease
- hunger

- over-population
- pollution
- nuclear weapons



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Section 5 - Carolina

Section 5 - Carolina - Exercise 1

Look at some parts of Carolina's conversations with Jamie and his parents. Put the expressions in the right places.

How long have you lived here?	It's nice to meet you too	Yes thank you	How nice
if it isn't too much trouble	You've got a lovely house	That's very kind of you	I like it

1.	Mary: Hello Carolina. It's lovely to meet you. Carolina: Hello.
2.	Mary: Did you have a good journey? Carolina: The train was a bit late, but it was fine. We got a bus from the station. It was easy.
3.	Mary: And you're in this room Carolina.
V	Carolina: I love the colour. And what pretty curtains too.
4.	Mary: Now, I've put some towels out for you – here they are on the bed. And we turned the radiator on in here this morning so it should be nice and warm for you.
	Carolina: Oh thank you I'm sure I'll be very comfortable. Thank you very much for inviting me.
5.	Carolina: No, no, it's OK Jamie. I can drink the tea with milk.
	Doug: No, let's get you another.
	Carolina: Well OK, Thank you.
6.	Doug: So Carolina. What do you think of this country of ours? A bit cold for you is it?
	Carolina: It's very different from Venezuela, but I like it here. And the people are very friendly.
7.	Carolina:
	Mary: Well thank you. It's nothing grand but we like it.
8.	Carolina:
	Mary: Since we got married, that'll be what, twenty-five years nearly is it Doug?



Section 5 - Carolina - Exercise 2

Look again at parts of Carolina's conversations. Choose all the phrases that people can say – there is always more than one correct answer. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

1.	Mary: Hello Carolina. It's lovely to meet you.
	Carolina: Hello.
	a) Pleased to meet you
	b) It's nice to meet you too.
	c) Me too
	d) And you
2.	Mary: Did you have a good journey?
	Carolina: The train was a bit late, but it was fine. We got a bus from
	the station. It was easy.
	a) Yes thank you
	b) Yes please
	c) Yes we did
	d) It was OK
3.	/www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish Mary: And you're in this room Carolina.
	Carolina: I love the colour. And what pretty curtains too.
	a) It's lovely
	b) What a nice room
	c) Very well
	d) How nice
4.	Mary: Now, I've put some towels out for you – here they are on the bed. And we turned the radiator on in here this morning so it should be nice and warm for you.
	Carolina: Oh thank you I'm sure I'll be very comfortable.
	Thank you very much for inviting me.
	a) That's very kind of you
	b) You're very kind
	c) That's very nice of you
	d) I think you're very nice





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5.	Carolina: No, no, it's OK Jamie. I can drink the tea with milk.			
	Doug: No, let's get you ar	nother.		
	Carolina: Well OK,		Thank you.	
	a) if you're sure			
	b) if you don't mind			
	c) if it isn't too much tro	ouble		
	d) if that's good			
6.	Doug: So Carolina. What do you think of this country of ours? A bit cold for you is it?			
	Carolina:are very friendly.	It's very different from V	enezuela, but I like it here. And the people	
	a) It's very nice			
	b) I like it			
	c) It's very well			
	d) I'm enjoying it			
7.	Carolina:	·		
	Mary: Well thank you. It's	nothing grand but we like it.		
M	a) The house is very gb) Your house is very r	oodCOUNCI.C	org/learnenglish	
	c) I like your house ver	ry much		
	d) You've got a lovely	house		
8.	Carolina:			
	Mary: Since we got marrie	ed, that'll be what, twenty-fiv	ve years nearly is it Doug?	
	a) Have you lived here	a long time?		
	b) How long have you	lived here?		
	c) Since when have yo	ou lived here?		
	d) Have you lived here	e long?		





Section 5 - Carolina - Exercise 3

Now complete this conversation. Imagine that you are visiting a friend's parents, or going to any British person's home for the first time.

Hello. It's lovely to meet you!	
You:	
Did you have a good journey?	
You:	
This is my husband, Don.	
You:	
And this is Rex, our dog. Do you like dogs?	
You:	
Let me take your bag upstairs.	
You:	
Here's your room. I hope you like it.	
You:	
And here are some towels for you.	
You:	
You: Would you like a cup of tea? With milk and sugar? You:	il.org/learnenglish
And how are you enjoying Britain? What do you thi	nk of it so far?
You:	
You: [make a nice comment about the house]	
Oh thank you. Yes, we like it very much.	
You: [ask a question about the house]	

Now you can practice the dialogue with a friend.



Section 6 – The joke

Exercise 1

Read the sentences below, and put them in the right order to tell the joke. You can either cut them up and arrange them, or write the number in the space on the left. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

! - - - -	"And I'd like you to send my luggage to New York".
	"I'm very sorry sir but we can't do that – it's impossible."
	"That's exactly what you did last time".
	"Yes, that's right" says the man.
-	A man goes up to the ticket desk at the airport.
	and the man says "Good morning. I'd like a ticket to Tokyo, please."
-	The man says "Well, I don't understand why it's so difficult."
W	The ticket clerk says "Good morning, sir. Can I help you?" Can I help you?" The ticket clerk says "Good morning, sir. Can I help you?" The ticket says "Good morning, sir. Can I help you?" The ticket says "Good morning, sir. Can I help you?" The ticket says "Good morning says "Goo
	Well, the ticket clerk looks surprised and says "You want us to put you on a plane to Tokyo and send your luggage on a plane to New York?".

Section 7 – Tom the Teacher

Section 7 - Tom - Exercise 1

Choose the best word to fill the space – 'very' or 'too'. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

1. I like John _	much. He's a really good friend.
a) very	b) too
	imes thinks she spends much time on the computer. b) too
3. Now that we	e've got two children, our house is small. We need another bedroom. b) too





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4. We went	to Goa for our holidays.	It really is beautiful.
a) very	b) too	
5. I can't eat	this soup. It's got	much salt in it. It's horrible.
a) very	b) too	
6. These sho	oes are big f	for me. Have you got them in a smaller size?
a) very	b) too	
7. The test v	vas difficult, bu	ut I think I did quite well.
a) very	b) too	
8. Oh dear,	I think I ate ma	ny chocolates. I feel sick now.
a) very	b) too	
Section 7 –	Tom – Exercise 2	
		ese spaces. Use 'too', ''too much' or 'too many'. See <i>Answers</i> at
1. It's	far to walk. We'll h	have to get a taxi.
a) too	b) too much	c) too many
2. Don't wor	k hard – you	ı'll make yourself ill!
a) too	b) too much	c) too many
3. I didn't en	joy the party very much	– there were people there.
a) too	b) too much	c) too many
4. My teache	er said there are	grammar mistakes in my writing.
a) too	b) too much	c) too many
5. He's only	fourteen – he's	young to drink alcohol.
a) too	b) too much	c) too many
6. My brothe	er spends	money on CDs. He's got thousands.
a) too	b) too much	c) too many





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7. Let's stay h	. It's cold to go for a walk	
a) too	b) too much	c) too many
8. You shouldr	n't eat	sugar. It's bad for you.
a) too	b) too much	c) too many

Answers

While you listen - Answers **Answers**

1. a,c

2. a,b,c

3. a,b,d

5. b

6. c.d

7. a,c,d

8. a,c,d

Section 1 - Exercise 1 - Answers

Conversation A; 1 Bob! Mr Hi-Tech! Thank goodness. Got a sec?; ² Morning, Mr Lo-tech! I've always got time for you.; ³ I wanted to ask you something. You've got a laptop, haven't you?; 4 Yes. My fabulous portable Toshiba.; ⁵ Well, I've just bought a laptop, but it doesn't seem to get a wireless signal.; 6 So, what? Like you can't get the internet, for example?; ⁷ Exactly. No surfing for me.; ⁸ Mmm. Are you sure your new one has wireless access?; 9 Yes. there's a little blue light at the front.; 10 Mmm. How far is your new one from your router? You know, the thing with the aerial on top; ¹¹ Oh, it's in the back room.; 12 Ah. It might be too far away. Try walking towards the router with your laptop, and see what happens.; ¹³ Good thinking. I'll try that. Thanks.

Conversation B^{; 1} Hi John. Are you in a mad rush? Off for lunch?; ² Erm, no, not yet.; ³ Great, because I wondered if you could help me. You're a bit of a foodie, aren't you?; ⁴ Well, some people say so; ⁵ Well, I've got an Australian cousin visiting, and I promised to take her out for a meal. Got any ideas

where I should go?; ⁶ When for. Tonight? Everywhere's busy on Fridays; ⁷ It's for Monday, actually, so no problems; ⁸ Well, you could always ask what sort of food she likes; ⁹ Yes, I did, but she keeps saying 'Asian fusion'; ¹⁰ Mmm. Well, you could try that new Thai restaurant – it does some Chinese dishes too; ¹¹ Oh, yes. But we looked in there and the said it looked a bit boring. Do you know she said it looked a bit boring. Do you know anywhere a bit "cooler"?; 12 Well, you could always take her to Bob's. That's an Australian restaurant that does good food and it's pretty trendy, too. It's a bit pricey, though...; 13 Never mind. It'll be worth it. Thanks a lot – I might give that a go. Where is it exactly...?

Conversation C; 1 Janet – just the person. Got a mo?; ² Well, I'm quite busy, actually...; ³ I just need a couple of seconds. You know Ginny from Human Resources, don't you?; ⁴ Yes – I used to work with her when she was in Accounts.; ⁵ Well, she's leaving, and we don't know what to get her. Any ideas?; ⁶ Oh, is she? I didn't know. When did that happen?; ⁷ Oh, it's all very last minute. Man trouble, I think.; 8 Oh. Poor Ginny. Well, it was a long time ago. Erm, how about a plant for the house. One of those tall ones? 9 Ahh. Yes. But she's going back to the States so it has to be something she can take with her.; 10 Well, why don't you get her a DVD? I know she loves British comedy series; ¹¹ Okay. Not a bad idea. Anything else you can think of?; ¹² Oh! Knitting needles. She loves knitting. You could buy her some of those bamboo ones.; ¹³ Brilliant. Thanks. I knew you were the right person to ask. Thanks ever so.



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Section 3 - Exercise 1 - Quiz - Answers

- 1. runway
- 2. departure gate
- 3. check-in
- 4. departure lounge
- 5. baggage reclaim
- 6. duty free shops
- 7. passport control
- 8. customs

Section 3 - Exercise 2 - Quiz - Answers

- 1. departures board
- 2. trolley
- 3. boarding card
- 4. seatbelt
- 5. aisle seat
- 6. emergency exits
- 7. cabin crew
- 8. pilot
- 9. hand luggage
- 10. hire a car

Section 3 - Exercise 2 - Quiz - Answers

before you fly: check-in; departure gate; departure lounge; duty free shops; boarding card; departures board.

after you fly: baggage reclaim; customs; hire a car. **both:** passport control; runway; trolley.

on the plane: aisle seat; cabin crew; emergency exits; hand luggage; seatbelt; pilot.

Section 5 - Carolina - Exercise 1 - Answers

- 1. It's nice to meet you too.
- 2. Yes thank you
- 3. How nice
- 4. That's very kind of you
- 5. if it isn't too much trouble
- 6. I like it
- 7. You've got a lovely house
- 8. How long have you lived here?

Section 5 - Carolina - Exercise 2 - Answers

Answers

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

Section 6 - The Joke - Answers

- 1. A man goes up to the ticket desk at the airport.
- 2. The ticket clerk says "Good morning, sir. Can I help you?"
- 3. and the man says "Good morning. I'd like a ticket to Tokyo, please."
- 4. "And I'd like you to send my luggage to New York".
- 5. Well, the ticket clerk looks surprised and says "You want us to put you on a plane to Tokyo and send your luggage on a plane to New York?".
- 6. "Yes, that's right" says the man.
- 7. "I'm very sorry sir but we can't do that it's impossible."
- 8. The man says "Well, I don't understand why it's so difficult."
- 9. "That's exactly what you did last time"

Section 7 - Tom - Exercise 1 - Answers

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

Section 7 - Tom - Exercise 2 - Answers

1. a; 2. a; 3. c; 4. c; 5. a; 6. b; 7. a; 8. b