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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 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.

1. The British drink a lot of tea.
2. Tess prefers coffee to tea.
3. Ravi drinks a lot of tea.
4. The British drink more coffee than tea.
5. Rich people drank tea in the seventeenth century.
6. The British have tea with cakes and sandwiches every afternoon.
7. Most British people drink tea with milk.
8. Ravi likes his tea with milk and sugar.
9. 'Cuppa' means a cup of tea.

Activity 2 - Put the sentences in the right group.

active	passive

1. 165 million cups of tea are drunk every day in Britain.
2. A lot of tea is grown in China and India.
3. British people drink a lot of tea.
4. Rich people drank tea in the 17th century
5. Some people put milk and sugar in their tea.
6. Tea was brought to Britain in the 17th century.

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 3 – Put the verbs in the spaces.

was killed	visit
are drunk	was started
were sold	is played
wrote	was painted

1. Football _____ all over the world.
2. The Mona Lisa _____ by Leornardo da Vinci.
3. 600 million people _____ Facebook every month.
4. Apple _____ by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniac.
5. 30 million mobile phones _____ last year in the UK.
6. John Lennon _____ the song 'Imagine'.
7. Martin Luther King _____ in 1968.
8. 70 million cups of coffee _____ every day in Britain.

Activity 4 – Choose the right form of the verb.

1. Parmesan cheese _____ in Italy.
a) make   b) is made

2. Spain _____ the 2010 football World Cup.
a) won   b) was won

3. A lot of diamonds _____ in Africa.
a) produce   b) are produced

4. King Lear _____ by William Shakespeare.
a) wrote   b) was written

5. Pablo Picasso _____ Guernica.
a) painted   b) was painted

6. The Great Wall of China _____ over 2,000 years ago.
a) built   b) was built

7. Alexander Fleming _____ penicillin.
a) discovered b) was discovered

8. Mother Teresa of Calcutta _____ the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.
a) gave   b) was given

9. The telephone _____ by Alexander Graham Bell.
a) invented   b) was invented

10. The 2008 Olympic Games _____ by millions of people.
a) watched   b) were watched

Activity 5 - Match the two parts of the dialogue.

1. I want to see the new Woody Allen film.
2. I've got six cats.
3. I didn't pass the exam.
4. My sister lives in Thailand.
5. It's six o'clock.
6. My teacher doesn't give homework.
7. I was ill all weekend.
8. You're late!

a. Am I? I'm sorry.
b. Didn't you? Bad luck!
c. Do you? So let's go together.
d. Does she? How interesting!
e. Doesn't she? Lucky you!
f. Have you? That's a lot!
g. Is it? Good. Time to go home!
h. Were you! Poor you!

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 6 - Type the missing word.

1. A: I really love Indian food.
   B: _____ you? Me too!

2. A: It's my daughter's birthday today.
   B: _____ it? How old is she?

3. A: My father speaks ten languages.
   B: _____ he? That's amazing!

4. A: My brother bought a new car last week.
   B: _____ he? What make is it?

5. A: I don't feel very well.
   B: _____ you? Sit down for a while.

6. A: I've got seven brothers.
   B: _____ you? What a big family!

7. A: I didn't enjoy the film very much.
   B: _____ you? I loved it!

8. A: The weather wasn't very good on holiday.
   B: _____ it? That's bad luck.

Activity 7 – Match the words with the definitions.

a) teabag   b) tealeaves
c) teapot   d) teacup
e) teaspoon   f) teatime
g) tea break

1. tealeaves for one person in a small paper sack
2. they grow on the tea plant
3. this is around four or five o'clock in the afternoon
4. when you stop work to have a cup of tea
5. you can use this to make tea for a lot of people
6. you drink your tea from this. It has a handle and stands in a saucer.
7. you use this to put sugar in your tea, or sometimes to take medicines.

Activity 8 - Put the sentences in order to make a British cup of tea!

a. Add milk and sugar (if you like).
b. Drink your tea. Delicious!
c. Let it stand for 5 minutes.
d. Pour the tea into the teacup.
e. Pour the water into the teapot.
f. Put some water in the kettle.
g. Put the tea leaves in the teapot.
h. Wait until the kettle boils.

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

Do you drink tea or coffee? How do you make it? With or without milk? With or without sugar? What other things do people in your country like to drink?

Leave a comment on http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/elementary-podcasts/series-03-episode-09 and we'll discuss your answers in the next podcast.

Answers

Activity 1
True: 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9.
False: 2, 4, 6.

Activity 2
Active: 3, 4, 5
Passive: 1, 2, 6

Activity 3
1. is played
2. was painted
3. visit
4. was started
5. were sold
6. wrote
7. was killed
8. are drunk

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

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

Activity 6
1.Do   2.Is   3.Does
4.Did 5.Don't 6.Have
7.Didn't 8.Wasn't

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

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