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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. A 'queue' is a line of people waiting for something.
2. Ravi likes queuing.
3. People think the British are good at queuing.
4. Ravi thinks queuing is difficult.
5. Ravi's grandma likes queuing.
6. It isn't polite to jump the queue.
7. People think the British are polite.
8. People sleep outside in some queues in Britain.

Activity 2 - Put the verbs in the right group.

<i>positive</i>	<i>negative</i>

I can't bear I love I detest
 I dislike I enjoy I like
 I hate I can't stand I'm keen on

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 3 – Put the verbs in the spaces.

- a) flying
- b) listening
- c) studying
- d) taking
- e) buying
- f) watching
- g) having
- h) going
- i) speaking

1. I can't stand _____ in public – I get so nervous.
2. My sister detests _____ to the dentist.
3. I enjoy _____ lunch at my parents' house on Sundays.
4. I hate _____. I always travel by train or bus.
5. I like _____ to podcasts on my way to work.
6. I can't bear _____ violent films. They make me sick.
7. I'm keen on _____ biology at university.
8. My boyfriend loves _____ shoes. He's got hundreds.
9. I dislike _____ my dog for a walk when it's raining.

Activity 4 – Match the phrases.

1. I hope Mrs Davies isn't angry with me because...
2. I am so bad at chess that...
3. My grandad went into hospital yesterday and...

4. I was good at languages at school so...
 5. My dad's really interested in political history and...
 6. I'm so bored with this film. Please...
 7. Her dog died yesterday and...
 8. His birthday present was very expensive so...
- a) ...can we watch something else?
 - b) ...he's got hundreds of books about it.
 - c) ...I decided to study to be a tourist guide.
 - d) ...I didn't finish writing that report last night.
 - e) ...I hope he's pleased with it.
 - f) ...my six-year-old son wins every game.
 - g) ...she's really upset about it.
 - h) ...we're all very worried about him.

Activity 5 - Choose the right preposition

1. I was really bad _____ maths at school. My exams were a disaster.
 a) at b) with c) in
2. Don't get so worried _____ it. Everything's going to be all right.
 a) of b) at c) about
3. His wife left him last year and he's still upset _____ it.
 a) with b) on c) about
4. Don't you ever get bored _____ doing the same thing day after day?
 a) from b) with c) for
5. I passed all my exams – I'm really pleased _____ myself!
 a) of b) for c) with

6. I'm not really interested _____ sport.

- a) in b) of c) with

7. I need some help! Is anyone here good _____ fixing computers?

- a) in b) for c) at

8. I said I'm sorry. Please don't be angry _____ me!

- a) with b) on c) for

Activity 6 - Match the phrases.

1. It's lovely to see you -
2. Jane's sitting on my right and Linda's sitting on my left -
3. Let me go first – it might be dangerous -
4. Look, he's going to win the race! -
5. My husband sat at one end of the table and I sat at the other end -

- a) - you can walk behind me.
- b) - he's in front of all the others.
- c) - come and sit down here next to me.
- d) - I was opposite him.
- e) - I'm sitting between them.

Activity 7 - Put the words in the spaces

behind between in front of
next to opposite

1. I couldn't see the film. A really tall man was sitting _____ me.
2. The number seven is _____ six and eight.

3. She lives on the other side of the street, exactly _____ my house.

4. I couldn't see her because she was standing _____ a tree.

5. I always like to sit _____ the window on a plane.

Activity 8 - Match the phrases

You queue:

- a) at a bus stop
- b) in a restaurant
- c) at a shop
- d) at a station
- e) at an airport
- f) in a bank
- g) in a post office

1. to buy stamps
2. to buy a ticket
3. to deposit money
4. to get a table
5. to check in
6. to buy a new product
7. to get public transport

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

How do you feel about queuing? If you've been to Britain, do you think it's true what Tess and Ravi said – are the British good at queuing?

How about queues in your country? Do people queue up politely or do they jump the queue? Do you jump the queue?

Leave a comment on

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Answers

Activity 1

True - 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

False - 2, 4

Activity 2

positive - I enjoy / I like / I love / I'm keen on

negative - I can't bear / I can't stand / I detest / I hate / I dislike

Activity 3

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

Activity 4

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

Activity 5

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

Activity 6

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

Activity 7

1. in front of, 2. between, 3. opposite, 4. behind, 5. next to

Activity 8

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