

Elementary Podcasts Series 4 Episode 10

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. Carolina and Jamie are having a meal with Emily.
2. Emily is eating chicken vindaloo.
3. They talk about Emily's plans for the future.
4. Emily has a new boyfriend.
5. This is Jamie's final year at university.
6. Jamie has decided what to do next year.
7. Jamie has got a job in Borneo.
8. Carolina is very surprised at Jamie's news.

Activity 2

Who said these things? Write C for Carolina, E for Emily or J for Jamie.

1. Chicken vindaloo. It's very hot.
2. Drink some water.
3. He's nice.
4. What are your plans?
5. I'm sure I won't get them.
6. I'm in Newcastle and you're in Borneo.
7. It's with orang-utans.
8. Go with the flow. Live in the now.

Activity 3

Complete the sentences with the words from the podcast.

a couple
a decision
applications
believe
conservation
graduate
project
wait

1. Jamie is going to _____ from university this summer.
2. He's thinking about working in the field of nature _____.
3. He's interested in _____ of different projects.
4. He's already sent some _____ for jobs.
5. One _____ is with orang-utans in Borneo.
6. He hasn't made _____ yet about what he wants to do.
7. Carolina can't _____ that Jamie didn't tell her about his plans.
8. Emily says they should _____ and see what happens.

Activity 4

Match the two parts of the mini-dialogues in a restaurant.

1. Enjoy your meal.
2. Is everything OK?
3. Thank you very much.
4. Can I try a bit of yours?
5. Here you are – one raita.
 - a) Of course you can.
 - b) Thank you very much.
 - c) Thank you, we will.
 - d) Yes. It's all delicious.
 - e) You're welcome.

Activity 5

Can you remember the words? Don't look back at Activity 4!

1. A: Enjoy your _____.
B: Thank you, we _____.
2. A: Is everything OK?
B: Yes. It's all _____.
3. A: Thank you very much.
B: You're _____.
4. A: Can I _____ a bit of yours?
B: Of course you _____.
5. A: _____ you are – one raita.
B: Thank you very _____.

Activity 6

Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. not / might / and he / Jamie might / go / to Borneo
2. sure I / applied for / I'm / won't / job I / get the

3. when I / I'll / Don't / get there / worry, /
phone you
4. not / said she / the party / Jane / might /
come to
5. but I / ask her / won't / You can / know /
she / help you
6. promise / I'll / do / I / never / that again
7. chocolate so / like this / You don't / like
/ you / won't / cake
8. might / orang-utans / in Borneo / You /
see / when you're

Activity 7

Using 'might'. Match the endings to the beginnings.

- a) but he might win a couple of games.
- b) but I'm going to invite him.
- c) he might not come to the meeting.
- d) I'm not feeling well.
- e) Is tomorrow OK?
- f) it might be important.
- g) It might rain later.
- h) we might get a dog.

1. I might not go to work tomorrow –
2. Take your umbrella.
3. He's not playing well this season,
4. I might not have time to do it today.
5. Jack phoned to say
6. Open the letter –
7. Now we've got a garden

8. He might not want to come,

Activity 8

Can you remember the sentences from Activity 7? Write the missing words.

1. I _____ to work tomorrow – I'm not feeling well.
2. Take your umbrella. It _____ later.
3. He's not playing well this season, but he _____ a couple of games.
4. I _____ time to do it today. Is tomorrow OK?
5. Jack phoned to say he _____ to the meeting.
6. Open the letter – it _____ important.
7. Now we've got a garden we _____ a dog.
8. He _____ to come, but I'm going to invite him.

Activity 9 – Leave a comment

Do you think Jamie should 'follow his dream'? Or stay with Carolina in Newcastle? And what about Carolina – what should she do?

What would *you* do in this situation? Should you always 'follow your dreams'? Write and tell us what you think.

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