Series 1 Episode 11 - I'm an architect!

Introduction

This support pack accompanies: Big City Small World – Series 1 Episode 11

This support pack contains the following materials:

- Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
- Audio script
- Comprehension Task: Select the true sentence
- Vocabulary: Words related to work
- Grammar: Verbs – fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs
- Grammar: Prepositions

Before you listen

We suggest you do the vocabulary activity below before you listen. Then listen to the episode and do the first task to check your understanding. Finally, practise some vocabulary and grammar.

Match the words and phrases in the boxes to their definitions.

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Definitions:

a. A test
   "We're having __________ tomorrow and if it's ok we'll go ahead."

b. Money earned from working
   "Her __________ is low; she's never got any money."

c. Knowledge you learn from doing or seeing things
   "I have got a lot of __________ in looking after children because I've got seven younger sisters!"

d. A single step in a process
   "The first __________ of the game is easy then the later ones get gradually more difficult."

e. Coming without an invitation
   "My sister is __________. She comes into my room without knocking!"

f. To refer briefly to something
   "Don't __________ her new glasses! She hates them."
Magda: (talking into phone) So...ok...hmm...yeah! That’s great news!

Olivia: So? Did you get the job?

Magda: Yes!!!

All: Hooray!! Fantastic! Well done!!

Magda: But...

Harry: There’s always a ‘but’...

Magda: It’s only on a trial basis...just for a month.

Harry: Ok, that’s pretty normal actually. Most companies do that.

Olivia: But they are paying you, yes?

Magda: Oh yes, the salary isn’t bad. It’s not an internship.

Harry: I did internships for ages...had to work for a month to get experience – no pay! – and then I never got offered the real job at the end. Like now! I’m doing this work for Johnny’s company – they want me to work at weekends too – Saturdays and Sundays – with no extra money!

Olivia: That’s terrible!

Harry: I don’t know what to do...I want to say ‘no’, but I’m afraid I’ll lose the job...

Olivia: You’ll have to think carefully about it!

Magda: Or you’ll be trying to do an internship again!!! Only joking! It can be important to do an internship if you want to get experience – things to put on your CV...

Harry: Yeah, I guess you’re right, but I’m past that stage...I’ve got lots of experience now.

Magda: I’m really worried though, about my first day, really nervous. I might be terrible!

Olivia: Don’t worry Magda, you’ll be great. Show them how good you are in the first month and they’ll be offering you more money by the second month!

Magda: Let’s hope so!

Harry: What are you going to be doing exactly?

Magda: Well, it’s a lot of admin work... But I do get a chance to work with the senior partners on some designs.

Harry: Great...What is it you do again?

Olivia: Harry! How come you always forget this stuff?

Magda: Architecture! I’m an architect! I design buildings!

Harry: Oh yeah, right, of course...

Sarah: She’s a good one too, Harry – I’ve seen some of her drawings. I keep on telling her that she should go to China – there are lots of opportunities there at the moment.

Magda: Maybe, one day. That’d be really interesting...How are you, Sarah?

Sarah: OK...

Harry: How’s the new flat?

Sarah: That’s the problem...

Olivia: Oh no! You’ve only just moved in!

Magda: I thought the flat was great...

Sarah: The flat is nice, but the problem is the landlord...

Olivia: Isn’t that Fadi’s cousin?

Sarah: Yes, exactly...but he’s really intrusive.

Magda: Intrusive?

Sarah: He comes round all the time, wants to know everything about me. I think that if I pay rent, that’s it, I shouldn’t have to tell him anything else.

Olivia: I see...that’s not on, is it? Have you mentioned it to Fadi?

Sarah: No, I don’t know how to. He was so kind helping me get the place. I don’t want to seem rude.

Olivia: Would you like me to have a word with him?

Sarah: Could you? That’d be really great. I’d really appreciate it.

Olivia: I’ll say something the next time I see him! Promise!
Comprehension Task
Choose the correct verb in each sentence
1. Magda got / didn’t get the job.
2. The salary is / isn’t good.
3. Harry usually remembers / forgets people’s jobs.
4. Sarah has recently bought / rented a new flat.
5. Fadi’s cousin wants to talk / know about Sarah.
7. Olivia offers / refuses to speak to Fadi.
8. Olivia will see / phone Fadi.

Vocabulary
Words related to work
Complete the text using the words from the box.

I’m looking for a new ________1 as an ________2. I’m not happy with the ________3 I ________4 for now. They don’t value my ________5 and they don’t offer me any ________6. My ________7 is not bad but I think I should be ________8 more. I am going to send my ________9 to a few places and see what happens.

Grammar 1
Verbs
Fill the gaps with a verb from the box. Use the correct form of the verb.

1. Did you ________ the job?
2. I’m afraid I’ll ________ my job if I am late again this week.
3. I’ve ________ lots of experience in accounting.
4. You’ll have to ________ carefully.
5. Are they ________ you a good salary?
6. I’ve ________ some of her drawings, they’re great.
7. You’ve only just ________ in to your new flat!
8. He was so kind ________ me find a flat.
9. I’d really ________ it if you could help me.
10. I’ll ________ something to him when I see him.
Grammar 2

Prepositions

Complete the sentences with an appropriate preposition

1. You are working here ______ a trial basis
2. I need to think carefully ______ it before I give you my answer
3. I have a chance to work ______ the senior partners
4. We are working ______ some designs for a new bridge
5. He comes ______ to my place every day
6. Shall I have a word ______ him?

Answers