**Series 2 Episode 9: New Year's Resolutions**

**Introduction**

This support pack accompanies:

**Big City Small World – Series 2 Episode 9**

This support pack contains the following materials:

- Before you listen
- Comprehension Task
- Grammar Task
- Vocabulary Task
- Audio script

**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 the definitions.

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<th>1. new year's resolution</th>
<th>2. to fix</th>
<th>3. chef</th>
<th>4. a date</th>
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<td>5. to wonder</td>
<td>6. a chance</td>
<td>7. supposed</td>
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**Definitions:**

- a. A professional cook in a restaurant
- b. Thought to be something or somehow
- c. To think about and try to understand
- d. To mend
- e. A romantic meeting
- f. A promise that is made to one’s self on 1st January
- g. An opportunity
- h. A series of pages in a certain location on the internet

➢ Now, listen to episode 9.
Comprehension Task

Match up
Decide who does the following things:

Olivia  Sarah  Bindyu  Harry  Fadi  Johnny  Carlos

1. __________ enjoys saying “Happy New Year”.
2. __________ has a problem with her website.
3. __________ recommends somebody to help Olivia.
4. __________ offers to fix the web page.
5. __________ isn’t happy that her boyfriend is going to fix the web page.
6. __________ wants to ask somebody out on a date.
7. __________ is the last person to arrive at the café.

Grammar Task

Gap Fill
Look at sentences a-h and complete the rules 1-2 with the words given below.

Example sentences
a. You are supposed to say…

b. They were supposed to be new.

c. I can help.

d. We can do it all again.

e. You need to practice.

f. I need to fix it.

g. You should decide to do something.

h. He should ask her out.

Rules
the infinitive without to  the infinitive with to

1. We use ________________ after “supposed” and “need”.

2. We use ________________ after “can” and “should”.

Vocabulary Task

Match up
Match the two parts to make common expressions.

1. Let’s • a. there!
2. Oh • b. the problem?
3. Shut • c. please!
4. What’s • d. know!
5. Hello • e. up?
6. What’s • f. up!
7. You • g. on!
8. Go • h. wait.

Vocabulary Task 2

Word Search
Find the following eight adjectives from the recording – and their eight opposites – in the word search:

happy
first
friendly
large
strong
bad
right
new

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Audio Script

Johnny: Happy New Year!
Fadi: Stop, please! Enough New Year!
Johnny: It’s the first time I’ve seen you this year! You’re supposed to say ‘Happy New Year!’
Fadi: OK, OK...happy New Year to you too, then!
Johnny: It will be Chinese New Year soon – then we can do it all again!
Fadi: Fine, OK, let’s wait until then, though, eh?
Magda: Hello everyone!
Fadi: Hi!
Johnny: Hi!
Magda: Happy New Year!
Fadi: Oh, please!
Magda: I’m only trying to be friendly....
Fadi: Yeah, sure, sorry... can we think about something else now please?
Magda: Have you made any new year’s resolutions?
Johnny: New Year’s what?
Magda: new Year’s resolutions. Olivia told me about it - at the beginning of the year, you should decide to do something, and do it all year.
Johnny: What kind of thing?
Fadi: Something like stop smoking, or go to the gym every day, or study more...
All: Hi Olivia! Hey! Hello!
Olivia: Hmmph. Tony – could I have a large coffee please? Make it extra strong!
Fadi: Looks like someone’s having a bad day...!
Olivia: Oh shut up Fadi!
Fadi: Sorry!
Magda: What’s up, Olivia?
Olivia: My website isn’t working properly. I need to fix it.
Fadi: Here’s the right man to help you!
Harry: Hello there! Are you talking about me?
Olivia: I’ve got problems with my website again...
Harry: I told you I should have set it up the first time! You should have asked me!
Olivia: OK, OK... you were right...
Harry: So what’s the problem?
Olivia: The online sales page doesn’t work. People can’t buy my shoes!
Harry: I’m sure I can help fix it.
Olivia: Go on then. Come over to my flat tonight, and we’ll have a look.
Bindyu: Oh, sorry Olivia, I’m not sure he can come to your flat tonight.
Harry: Yeah, I can. I’m not busy tonight.
Bindyu: I thought we were going to the cinema?
Harry: Were we? Sorry, I didn’t know. I’d like to help Olivia, if I can...
Bindyu: Hmmph.
Olivia: Oh listen Harry... don’t worry if you can’t come and help.
Harry: No. I’ll come. I love websites – you know!
Johnny: Here’s another one of our friends... thank goodness for that...
All: Hello Carlos!
Carlos: Hello there!
Magda: We were talking about New Year’s resolutions. What’s yours?
Carlos: New Year’s what?
Magda: New Year’s resolution - at the beginning of the year, you should decide to do something, and do it all year.
Carlos: Oh, I see...well I want to be a chef...
Fadi: We know that, it’s not new.
Johnny: It has to be something new!
Magda: Yes – something you want to do this year!
Carlos: Oh. OK... I see, well... let me think... something I want to do this year... I know. I want to ask Sarah out on a date!
All: Wow!
Magda: Oh... well... it looks like you have a chance right now, Carlos!
Sarah: Hello everyone! Were you talking about me?
Carlos: Well, no, erm yes, I mean...
Magda: Go on, Carlos!
Fadi: Carlos has got a question to ask you...
Sarah: Oh yes?
Carlos: Oh, yes, erm... well I was wondering if... erm...
Sarah: If?
Carlos: Yes, if you’d like to... erm... I don’t know... perhaps... erm... go out some time?
Sarah: Go out with you?
Carlos: Well, yeah, I mean, if you want to...
Sarah: Oh well... erm... what I think is...