Introduction
This support pack accompanies the audio soap opera 'Big City Small World'. To listen to this episode, go to:
http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/big-city-small-world/series-1-episode-4-we-have-mission

This support pack contains the following materials:
- a pre-listening vocabulary activity;
- the transcript of the episode;
- a comprehension activity;
- three language activities

“We have a mission!”

Before you listen
Activity 01
Match the words and phrases at the top to their definitions.

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<td>4. grateful</td>
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<td>7. keen</td>
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<td>10. loads</td>
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- a. a lot of (informal)
- b. a person who owns and rents out a flat, a house, etc.
- c. a place to live
- d. a set of rooms for living in which are part of a larger building
- e. an excessive desire for food, drink, etc.
- f. an important job that someone believes it is their duty to do
- g. based on or using good judgment and therefore fair and practical
- h. easily affected in an emotional way
- i. enthusiastic about something or someone
- j. have enough money to buy or do something
- k. house that you live in with other people who are not family
- l. hurt somebody’s feelings
- m. showing or expressing thanks, especially to another person
- n. the reason for pain, worry or a problem
- o. unhappy and angry because someone has something or someone you want
- p. used to tell someone to stop being annoying
- q. worried, unhappy or angry
Transcript

Harry: Well Sarah, here’s the paper...I was looking at jobs...but you’ll need the “accommodation” page!
Olivia: Hmm, not very sensitive, Harry...
Harry: Have to go now...see you all!
All: Bye!
Olivia: What’s the problem with your flat, then Sarah?
Sarah: Well, I was renting a room in a shared house, but now the landlord has decided to sell the house, so we all have to move out...
Magda: Oh no...that can be really difficult in London. It’s so expensive here...
Sarah: I know, I’m not sure I’ll be able to afford it...
Olivia: Tell me about it!
Sarah: About what?
Olivia: Sorry...I just mean, I know how expensive life is!
Sarah: Why’s that?
Magda: Olivia wants Harry to set up a website for her, but he’s asked for loads of money!
Fadi: Yeah...me too!
Magda: I think he’s greedy.
Fadi: I’m not sure about that...he’s a professional after all. He’s right to ask a reasonable amount for his work.
Olivia: You’re just like him, I can see...only interested in money!
Magda: Yeah, that’s right...
Fadi: Leave off...I’m not only interested in money. I like football too...
Olivia: I don’t think I can afford it, but I don’t know how to say “no” without offending him now.
Sarah: Do you think he’ll be offended?
Olivia: Perhaps...
Fadi: I shouldn’t worry. He’s not a very sensitive guy, is he?
Olivia: No! I like him, though...
Fadi: Oh yeah?
Olivia: Not in that way...he’s just a friend...
Fadi: “Just a friend”, eh?
Olivia: Are you jealous?
Fadi: Get out of here! Course I’m not. I’ve got lots of girlfriends...
Magda: And they only ever last for two weeks!
Fadi: I like to keep them keen!
Sarah: Oh yeah, sure...
Fadi: Listen, Olivia, if it makes it easier for you, I think I’m going to take Harry up on his offer. I’ll get him to do some work for me, then it won’t matter if you turn him down.
Sarah: I do some work for a website, Olivia. It’s called DimSum.co.uk – it’s for the Chinese community in Britain. I could find out who does their website – they might be cheaper.
Olivia: Could you do that for me? I’d be really grateful.
Sarah: Sure, no problem.
Olivia: And we’ll try and help you find a flat!
Sarah: Thanks!
Magda: How long have you got before you have to move out?
Sarah: Only a month.
Magda: That’s not long.
Fadi: I’ll ask around, see if anyone I know has a room free in their house...
Magda: I’ll do the same thing...
Olivia: I’ll do the same thing...
Sarah: Me too!
Magda: Ok everyone...we have a mission!
Fadi: Find Sarah a place to live!
Olivia: And tell Harry he’s greedy!
Sarah: I think this might be difficult....
Magda: What? Finding you a flat, or upsetting Harry?
Sarah: Both!
After listening

Activity 02
Who (Sarah, Olivia, Harry, Fadi or Magda) …

1. … is worried about accommodation?
2. … complains about life being expensive?
3. … thinks Harry is a good worker?
4. … is worried about upsetting Harry?
5. … makes fun of Fadi’s love life?
6. … offers to find another website designer?

Activity 03
Fill the gaps in the text with the words at in the table.

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I’m looking for a new place (1) .................................. My (2) ......................... wants to sell the (3) ........................... that my (4) ......................... is in. I’d love to find a small (5) ......................... in the town centre but it costs a lot of money (6) ........................... a place for one. The (7) ........................... pages of the newspaper are full of (8) ........................... houses, so I’ll phone a few and see if I am lucky.

Activity 04
Put the adjectives into the correct column, depending on whether their opposite takes the prefix ‘in-‘ or ‘un-‘.

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Activity 05
Rearrange the words to make grammatically correct sentences.

1. problem What’s flat with the your?
2. is. I expensive life know how
3. interested not in money. I’m only
4. very, a he sensitive He’s not guy is?
5. you do Could for that me?
6. help and you a We’ll try flat. find
Answers

Activity 01
1. c; 2. j; 3. d; 4. m; 5. e; 6. o; 7. i; 8. b; 9. p; 10. a; 11. n; 12. f; 13. l; 14. g; 15. h; 16. k; 17. q

Activity 02

Activity 03
1. g; 2. d; 3. c; 4. e; 5. b; 6. h; 7. a; 8.f

Activity 04
uncertain; unclear; inexpensive; inexperienced; unreasonable; insensitive

Activity 05
1. What’s the problem with your flat?; 2. I know how expensive life is.; 3. I’m not only interested in money.; 4. He’s not a very sensitive guy, is he?; 5. Could you do that for me?; 6. We’ll try and help you find a flat.