Introduction
This support pack accompanies the audio soap opera 'Big City Small World'. To listen to this episode, go to:

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

“He's a pest!

Before you listen

Activity 01
Match the words at the top to their definitions.

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<th>a. energetic</th>
<th>b. fortunately</th>
<th>c. mate</th>
<th>d. mess</th>
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<td>e. negotiator</td>
<td>f. quote</td>
<td>g. trouble</td>
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1. a dirty or disordered condition
2. a person who arranges a transaction
3. disorder or disturbance
4. disturbed emotionally
5. friend – colloquial
6. full of energy
7. state a price
8. with luck

Transcript

Olivia: Joe! Can you stop that please! Can you please come here and sit down!
Magda: Hello there, Olivia. Who’s this?
Olivia: This is Joe – he’s my nephew.
Magda: Nephew?
Olivia: My sister’s son.
Magda: Oh! I see. He’s lovely! I love children...
Olivia: Yeah, they’re great until you have to look after them...
Magda: You’re looking after him?
Olivia: Yeah, just for today, fortunately. My sister can’t get a babysitter. But Joe comes to my shop quite often. He loves it there...unfortunately!
Magda: Why’s that ‘unfortunate’?
Olivia: Because he’s a pest, that’s why...
Magda: What’s a ‘pest’?
Olivia: Somebody or something which makes you angry...
Magda: No!! I don’t believe it! He’s so sweet!
Olivia: How old is he?
Magda: Four, nearly five.
Fadi: Whooaaaah! Slow down there, little man!
Who’s this?
Olivia: Fadi, meet Joe.
Magda: He’s Olivia’s nephew. And a sweet little pest!
Fadi: Oh really! I didn’t know you were Aunt Olivia!
Olivia: Thank you very much Fadi. You make me feel old. Listen, have you had a chat with Harry yet?
Fadi: About work?
Olivia: Yeah.
Fadi: No, not yet, but I’m supposed to talk to him today. He said he’d be in here later.
Olivia: Listen, though, it’s not true what Harry was saying...
Fadi: About what?
Olivia: About me being upset if he can’t do the website for my shop...I don’t mind if he can’t do it! He wanted far too much money. I could never have afforded it. Now it’s ok, because he thinks he’s turning me down...I don’t have to offend him by saying ‘no’! A happy result all round!
Fadi: I see...so I don’t have to bail you out, after all?
Olivia: No!
Fadi: Joe, can you stop that please? Come over here!
Harry: Alright mate! Alright Olivia, Magda...who’s this young man?
Olivia: My nephew, Joe.
Harry: Hello Joe!
Harry: He’s very...erm...what’s the word...energetic?
Olivia: I just call him “trouble”!
Harry: Alright mate! Alright Olivia, Magda...who’s this young man?
Olivia: My nephew, Joe.
Harry: Hello Joe!
Harry: We’re on.
Fadi: But...
Harry: There’s always a “but”!
Fadi: You’re going to have to do us a favour and come down on the price, mate...
Harry: What price did I quote you?
Fadi: Two thousand five hundred.
Harry: Well, seeing as you’re a friend, I could come down to two thousand four hundred, but not less than that.
Fadi: We can offer two thousand. That’s our top limit. We don’t have a bigger budget than that.
Harry: Come on! You’re joking!
Fadi: Sorry mate. It’s two thousand, or nothing."
Harry: No way. Can’t be done. I’ve got to go now...got to go and see Johnny – he’s offered me a real job...bye all!
Fadi: Oh no, do you think he’s really upset now?
Olivia: I don’t think “upset” is the word....
Fadi: We can go a bit higher actually...I was just trying to be a tough negotiator.
Magda: A bit too tough, I think.
Olivia: You should never mix work and friendship, anyway.
Magda: And you probably shouldn’t have a business meeting in a café!
Fadi: Oh no. What a mess. I’d better go. Hang on..where’s my...where are my....I can’t find my mobile! Or my keys! Has anyone seen them?
Magda: Let’s look under the seats...they must be here somewhere...
Fadi: I can’t see anything.
Magda: No sign.
Olivia: How strange...hang on a minute, my nephew’s been terribly quiet for the last five minutes...what’s he up to...Joe!!!

After listening

Activity 02
Choose the correct word(s) in each sentence.

1. Olivia is Joe’s nephew / aunt.
2. Joe is well / badly behaved.
3. Joe is four / five years old.
4. Olivia wants / doesn’t want Harry to do her website.
5. Fadi’s uncle has agreed to pay exactly / more than two thousand pounds.
6. Olivia thinks it is a bad / good idea to do business with a friend.
Activity 03
Complete the sentences with the names in the table. One of the names is used two times.

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1. ....................is Olivia’s nephew.
2. ....................likes children.
3. Joe visits ....................’s shop.
4. ....................has arranged to meet Harry at the café.
5. ....................thinks it is a bad idea to talk business in a café.
6. ....................leaves the café upset.

Activity 04
Find a word in the tapescript that means the opposite of:

1. horrible  2. fast  3. young  4. earlier
5. sad  6. lazy  7. lower  8. loud

Activity 05
Fill the gaps with one of the verbs from the table.

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1. I can’t come out tonight, I have to .................... after my brother.
2. Please .................... down, I can’t understand what you are trying to say.
3. .................... here for a moment and help me please.
4. I had to .................... the job offer down because I don’t want to travel so far.
5. If you get into trouble, don’t expect me to .................... you out!
6. .................... down here and I’ll bring you a coffee.

Answers

Activity 01
1. d; 2. e; 3. g; 4. h; 5. c; 6. a; 7. f; 8. b

Activity 02
1. aunt; 2. badly; 3. four; 4. doesn’t want; 5. more than; 6. bad

Activity 03

Activity 04
1. lovely; 2. slow; 3. old; 4. later; 5. happy; 6. energetic; 7. higher; 8. quiet

Activity 05
1. look; 2. slow; 3. Come; 4. turn; 5. bail; 6. Sit