

Series 2 Episode 11: Embarrassment

Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 2 Episode 11

This support pack contains the following materials:

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Carlos and Sarah's first date turns out to be a disaster! What exactly happened? Written by Chris Rose.

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.

1. date	2. contemporary	3. scruffy	4. blurred
5. embarrassed	6. disaster	7. nightclub	8. fashionable

Definitions:

- a. A terrible event
- b. Up-to-date, modern
- c. A romantic meeting
- d. A little bit ashamed
- e. Old and used - usually for clothes
- f. Unclear - something you see
- g. Describes a person who wears new popular clothes
- h. A place where you can dance and buy drinks at night

➤ Now, listen to episode 8.

Comprehension Task

True or False

Decide whether these statements are true or false.

1. Sarah likes contemporary art.
2. Carlos loved the exhibition.
3. Carlos felt intelligent at the art gallery.
4. Carlos never wants to go out with Sarah again.
5. Bindyu thinks Joe is a sweet child.
6. Olivia and Bindyu are friends now.

Grammar Task

Select the right sentence

Choose the correct sentence **a** or **b**.

1. a, I wonder how Carlos got away with his date.
b, I wonder how Carlos got on with his date.
2. a, They went to a new art gallery, didn't they?
b, They went to a new art gallery, did they?
3. a, It sounds like a nightclub.
b, It sounds as a nightclub.
4. a, I didn't thought it was art.
b, I didn't think it was art.
5. a, I didn't understand anything.
b, I didn't understand nothing.
6. a, Sarah was so embarrassed.
b, Sarah was so embarrassing.
7. a, Take her somewhere you want to go.
b, Take her somewhere you want go.
8. a, He's such a sweet little boy.
b, He's such sweet a little boy.

Vocabulary Task

Match up

Match the words in A and B to make compound nouns from the recording.

A	
last	•
art	•
contemporary	•
night	•
little	•
football	•

B	
• match	
• club	
• night	
• gallery	
• art	
• boy	

Vocabulary Task 2

Select the right word

Choose the correct preposition in each sentence.

1. I wonder how Carlos got **off / on** with his date.
2. He went **out / to** with Sarah last night.
3. Sarah was talking to another man, so I went **down / up** to them...
4. Ask her **away / out** again!
5. Don't worry Olivia – I'll look **to / after** him.
6. They were supposed to look **like / as** photographs.
7. I'm just glad you've made **to / up** with Bindyu.
8. They get **in / on** together really well.

Audio Script

Fadi: So, I wonder how Carlos got on with his date.

Johnny: His date?

Fadi: Yeah...come on. You remember – he went out with Sarah last night...

Johnny: Oh yeah, sure – they went to a new art gallery, didn't they?

Fadi: Yeah – that's right... he was really worried about it.

Johnny: I'm not surprised. Sarah likes all that strange contemporary art.

Fadi: And here he is to tell us all about it!

Carlos: Hi guys!

Johnny: Hello there! So? How did it go?

Carlos: How did what go?

Fadi: Come on! Your date with Sarah! How was it?

Carlos: Oh, er, well... erm...

Johnny: Oh no...

Fadi: Was it a disaster?

Carlos: Oh, no... erm, not a disaster...

Johnny: Go on...give us details...

Carlos: Well, it was at this new art gallery...

Fadi: Yeah?

Carlos: "Black Box" it was called...

Johnny: Hmm... sounds more like a nightclub.

Carlos: There were quite a lot of people there, and everyone was really fashionable...

Carlos: Yeah... everyone was wearing black! I felt really scruffy...

Johnny: Scruffy?

Fadi: Yeah, scruffy – badly dressed...

Johnny: So what was the art like?

Carlos: Art? I didn't think it was art... there were some TVs showing some pictures of a man walking around an empty room...

Fadi: Great...

Carlos: Then there were some big photographs on the walls...

Johnny: Ok – I like photography...

Carlos: Yeah, me too – but there were all blurred, out of focus – you couldn't see what they were photographs of... So, I was trying to be interested, you know, to impress Sarah really...

Fadi: Of course...

Johnny: What was Sarah doing?

Carlos: Well, Sarah was talking to another man, so I went up to them. Sarah introduces me, and then he says 'What do you think?' and I said, 'Well, I think the photographs are all out of focus'...

Fadi: Fair enough...

Carlos: But then the man, he gets really angry, and walks off...

Johnny: Oh...

Carlos: And Sarah looks really embarrassed...

Fadi: Why?

Carlos: It turns out, well, this man, he was the artist...

Fadi & Johnny: Oh no...

Carlos: And they weren't even photographs... they were paintings, supposed to look like photographs... Sarah explained it all to me, but I didn't understand anything... I felt so stupid... and Sarah was so embarrassed...

Fadi: Are you going to see her again?

Carlos: Well, I don't know... I'd like to... I hope so...

Johnny: Ask her out again – but this time, take her somewhere you want to go...

Fadi: Good idea...

Carlos: Where?

Johnny: Take her to a football match – I've got tickets for this weekend. You can have them.

Carlos: But I don't like football.

Fadi: Go on! It's a great British experience...

Johnny: Yeah... look, I know Sarah – she'll love it!

Carlos: Er... well, ok then... I'll ask her...

Fadi: Oh no... look who it is!

Johnny: Hey Joe! Where's Olivia?

Bindyu: Joe! He's so funny... such a sweet little boy...

Olivia: Joe! Stop that! Sorry everyone...

Bindyu: Don't worry Olivia – I'll look after him. He's so much fun!

Johnny: Did Harry fix your website?

Olivia: He did...

Harry: Of course I did! I'm an expert!

Olivia: Thanks Harry... I owe you a coffee, at least...

Harry: No problem – I'm just glad you've made up with Bindyu...

Fadi: Oh yeah? So you're all friends now?

Harry: Oh yes.

Olivia: She came last night, and looked after my little nephew Joe. They get on together really well!

Johnny: Who'd have thought it?

Olivia: Not me, but there you go...

Johnny: Harry – perhaps you and Bindyu should have children!

Harry: Erm, no, not yet, I don't think...

Answers

Before you listen: 1 - c, 2 - b, 3 - e, 4 - f, 5 - d, 6 - a, 7 - h, 8 - g
Comprehension Task: 1 - true, 2 - false, 3 - false, 4 - false, 5 - true, 6 - true
Grammar Task: 1 - b, 2 - a, 3 - a, 4 - b, 5 - a, 6 - a, 7 - a, 8 - a
Vocabulary Task: last night, art gallery, contemporary art, nightclub, little boy, football match
Vocabulary Task: 1 - on, 2 - out, 3 - up, 4 - out, 5 - after, 6 - like, 7 - up, 8 - on