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## Series 2 Episode 12:

### Something in Common

#### Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

#### Big City Small World – Series 2 Episode 12

This support pack contains the following materials:

- Before you listen
- Comprehension Task
- Vocabulary Task
- Grammar Task
- Grammar Task 2
- Vocabulary Task 2
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Carlos and Sarah's second date doesn't turn out great either. Will their relationship work out? 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. awful	2. crazy	3. sweet	4. in common
5. surprise	6. stupid	7. come out	8. realise

#### Definitions:

- a. Sharing an interest
- b. To be made available
- c. Very bad
- d. To suddenly know something
- e. Without any intelligence
- f. Mad, insane
- g. Lovely, nice
- h. An unexpected event

➤ Now, listen to episode 8.

## Comprehension Task

### Choose the correct sentence.

Which sentence is true?

- a) Sarah and Carlos' date was a disaster.

b) Sarah and Carlos' date was a success.
- a) Both Sarah and Carlos like football.

b) Neither Sarah nor Carlos like football.
- a) Carlos doesn't like Sarah.

b) Carlos likes Sarah.
- a) Magda thinks Carlos is horrible.

b) Magda thinks Carlos is nice.
- a) Olivia wants Sarah to go to the cinema with Carlos.

b) Olivia wants Sarah to go to a concert with Carlos.
- a) Fadi and Olivia are going to look after Joe.

b) Fadi and Olivia are going to go out together.

## Comprehension Task 2

### Fill in the Gaps

Fill in the gaps in the summary with the nouns in the box.

problem	success	time	match
idea	film	joke	date

Sarah and Carlos have been on a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> but it wasn't a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>.

The \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> is that they went to see a football \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> and neither of them actually like football. It isn't clear whose \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> it was to go to a football match but it was probably Fadi's idea of a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>.

Now, they are going on another date. This time they are going to the cinema to see a new \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> that has just come out. Both of them like cinema so this \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> things should turn out better!

## Grammar Task

Look at these three extracts from the recording and complete the rules with the words **something** or **anything**.

“You have *something* in common.”

“I’m *not doing anything*.”

“Are you *doing anything*?”

### Rules:

We use \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> in affirmative sentences.

We use \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> in negative sentences and questions.

Now complete the dialogue using **anything** or **something**.

- A. Is there \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> to eat?  
B. No, there isn’t \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> left. We need to go shopping.  
A. We can buy \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> on our way out later.  
B. But I don’t want to carry \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> while we are out.  
A. OK, I’ll go and buy \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> now and you can do \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> to help.  
B. What?  
A. Don’t worry, I don’t want you to do \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> difficult, just wash the dishes!  
B. OK.

## Vocabulary Task

Choose the best adjectives to complete the sentence. Remember that some adjectives use very, but strong adjectives (absolute adjectives) do not.

1. I really enjoyed that – it was very

- a) awful.                      b) bad.                      c) excellent.                      d) good.

2. Have you heard their new album? It’s at least as good as the last one -absolutely

- a) awful.                      b) bad.                      c) great.                      d) free.

3. I don’t like football; it’s

- a) boring.                      b) crazy.                      c) great.                      d) sweet.

4. Well, he told me that it was cold and rainy all week. It sounds like the weather was absolutely

- a) awful.                      b) bad.                      c) good.                      d) great.

5. I like her new boyfriend; he treats her very well. He’s very

- a) awful.                      b) boring.                      c) sweet.                      d) excellent.

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6. Oh, don't go and see that movie. The story is unbelievable and the jokes are very bad – it's really

- a) boring.                      b) funny.                      c) good.                      d) stupid.

7. There's a cool new art gallery opening soon. It sounds very

- a) boring.                      b) excellent.                      a) great.                      b) interesting.

8. Ugh! What a disappointment! That meal at the expensive new restaurant was absolutely

- a) bad.                      b) disgusting.                      a) excellent.                      b) sweet.

## Audio Script

**Olivia:** Hi Sarah!

**Sarah:** Hi!

**Magda:** How are you?

**Sarah:** Oh, not bad, I suppose...

**Bindyu:** What's up?

**Sarah:** Nothing really... just that... well, I hope Carlos isn't coming in today...

**Olivia:** Why not?

**Sarah:** Well, he took me out on a date last night.

**Magda:** Great!

**Bindyu:** That's the second time you've been out together, isn't it?

**Sarah:** Yes – and it'll be the last!

**Olivia:** Oh no! What happened?

**Sarah:** Well, he asked me to go out with him, but didn't tell me where we were going...

**Magda:** Ooh... a surprise – how great!

**Sarah:** No – it wasn't great!

**Olivia:** Where did he take you?

**Sarah:** To a football match!!!

**Magda:** Oh. I didn't know you liked football...

**Sarah:** I don't! I hate it!

**Olivia:** Who was playing?

**Sarah:** I don't know... one team in red, the other team in blue... it was so boring!

**Olivia:** Why did he take you there?

**Sarah:** I don't know – the stupid thing is, he doesn't like football either!

**Olivia:** I think I know why he took you... Hello Fadi! Hello Johnny!

**Fadi/Johnny:** Hi all!

**Olivia:** Can I ask you two a question?

**Fadi:** Sure...

**Olivia:** Was it your idea for Carlos to take Sarah to a football match?

**Fadi:** Erm, er...

**Johnny:** It was Fadi's idea...

**Fadi:** No it wasn't! It was your idea!

**Olivia:** OK, OK, enough.

**Fadi:** So, Sarah – did you have a good time?

**Sarah:** Hmmmphhh.

**Johnny:** I think that means no.

**Sarah:** It was awful.

**Fadi:** Poor Carlos.

**Johnny:** Yeah – he's crazy about you!

**Magda:** I think he's so sweet.

**Bindyu:** Yeah, he is. You should try going out with him again...

**Sarah:** No way.

**Magda:** Go on! Give him another chance!

**Sarah:** I don't know... I'm not sure...

**Bindyu:** Oh... here he is now!

**Carlos:** Hello everyone!

**All:** Hi Carlos!

**Carlos:** How are you all today?

**All:** Great! Fine! Not bad...

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**Olivia:** So – I hear you and Sarah went out again last night?

**Carlos:** Oh, erm, yeah... I don't want to talk about it...

**Johnny:** Sorry – perhaps our great idea wasn't so great after all...

**Carlos:** No. It wasn't.

**Olivia:** Never mind – ask her out again.

**Carlos:** No way.

**Olivia:** Ok. I'll do it for you then!

**Carlos:** No!

**Olivia:** Yes!

**Carlos:** Oh no...

**Olivia:** Hey, Sarah – I've just seen there's a great new film coming out this weekend...

**Sarah:** Oh yeah? Sounds good – I love cinema. Why don't we go together?

**Olivia:** OK... oh! No... I've just realised – I can't go to the cinema this weekend. I have to look after Joe...

**Bindyu:** I'd love to come, but I'm helping Olivia with Joe...

**Johnny:** I'm working all weekend... as usual!

**Fadi:** Yeah – I'd go, but I'm playing football with Harry.

**Carlos:** I'm not doing anything. I love cinema.

**Sarah:** I didn't know you liked cinema! You never told me...

**Olivia:** Excellent! Carlos can go with you! You have something in common.

**Sarah:** Oh well... erm... OK then...

**Carlos:** Great – I'm looking forward to it!

**Olivia:** Fadi – are you really playing football with Harry this weekend?

**Fadi:** Yeah... only on Saturday afternoon though...

**Olivia:** So you're free on Saturday night?

**Fadi:** Erm, yeah...

**Olivia:** You're not going out with one of your girlfriends?

**Fadi:** Erm, no...

**Olivia:** Well, Bindyu will look after Joe on Saturday night.

**Fadi:** So?

**Olivia:** So I'm not doing anything on Saturday night...

**Fadi:** Oh...

**Olivia:** Look – I mean – why don't we go out together?

**Fadi:** Us? Me and you?

**Olivia:** Yes.

**Fadi:** Erm... er... OK... yeah! Great! Let's go out for something to eat!!!

**Olivia:** Finally! I thought you'd never ask!!!

**All:** (laughter)

## Answers

### Preparation Task

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

### Comprehension Task 1

1. a; 2. b; 3. b; 4. b; 5. a; 6. b;

### Comprehension Task 2

1. date; 2. success; 3. problem; 4. match; 5. idea; 6. joke; 7. film; 8. time

### Grammar Task

1. something; 2. anything; 3. anything; 4. anything; 5. something; 6. anything; 7. something; 8. something; 9. anything;

### Vocabulary Task

1. d; 2. c; 3. a; 4. a; 5. c; 6. d; 7. b; 8. b;