

Series 2 Episode 1 – Hello Carlos!

Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 2 Episode 2

This support pack contains the following materials:

- Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
- Audio script
- Comprehension Task
- Grammar Task: Countable or uncountable nouns
- Grammar Task: Order the sentences
- Vocabulary Task: Word search



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 their definitions.

1. menu	2. overhear	3. caterer	4. actually
5. demolish	6. lose	7. research	8. compensation

Definitions:

- a. To be unable to find something
- b. Really
- c. Study about a subject
- d. Person (or company) who provides food and drink
- e. A list of food available at a restaurant
- f. Destroy (a building)
- g. Payment for damages caused
- h. To hear something that is not for your ears

Audio script

Olivia: Oh no! I don't understand how this can happen!

Tony: Told you so.

Sarah: Hi Olivia! What's the problem?

Carlos: Excuse me...

Olivia: It's not just here, not just the café...

Sarah: What do you mean?

Tony: Told you so.

Carlos: Excuse me...

Olivia: It's true!

Sarah: What is?

Olivia: They want to knock down my shop, as well as the café!

Sarah: Demolish it? Get rid of it completely?

Olivia: Yes

Tony: Told you so.

Sarah: Oh no!

Olivia: That's what I keep saying...

Carlos: Excuse me!

Tony: Yes?

Carlos: Could I have something to eat please, and a cup of tea?

Tony: Sure, here's a menu, go and take a seat somewhere...

Sarah: Oh dear...let's go and sit down – there's Harry over there, let's sit with him.

Harry: Hello there. Magda's on her way. I think we need to have a plan...

Olivia: Yeah, but what can we do?

All: Hey Magda! Hi! We're over here! Come and sit down!

Magda: Hello everyone! What's the matter? Why does everyone look so sad?

Harry: The café is going to close...

Sarah: ...and Olivia's shop too!

Magda: Why? Oh - the property company... they're building new flats... I remember now...

Harry: That's right – and they want to demolish this place, and Olivia's shop next door.

Olivia: They're offering us compensation...

Magda: "Compensation"?

Sarah: Money...

Olivia: But it's not enough. I want to keep my shop...

Sarah: Yes, and I want to keep this café open... there's nowhere else where we can all meet.

Carlos: Excuse me...

All: Yes?

Carlos: I couldn't help overhearing your conversation...

Magda: Were you listening to us?

Carlos: No, sorry, I wasn't listening, I just heard what you were talking about...

Olivia: Is this the first time you've been here?

Carlos: Well, yes it is, actually...

Harry: It'll probably be the last...

Carlos: Well, yes, I know...that's what I wanted to say...

Sarah: What?

Carlos: I'm afraid I work for the company, the building company.

Olivia: The company who want to knock down my shop?

Harry: And our favourite café?

Carlos: I'm afraid so, yes...

Olivia: Can you stop them?

Carlos: Well, no, I'm not sure about that...

Sarah: What do you do for the company?

Carlos: Well, that's the problem; I'm not one of their top managers, or anything like that...

Harry: That's a shame.

Carlos: I'm just the caterer.

Magda: Caterer?

Carlos: Yes, I make food for them.

Harry: Hang on a minute, I don't understand...you're the caterer...you make food...

Carlos: Yes, that's right. I'm a chef, actually. Or at least that's what I'd like to be...

Harry: But you've just come in here to get food...

Carlos: Oh yeah...well, you see, the problem is, I don't really like the food I have to cook for other people. I prefer to try new things – so I came in here!

Harry: Right...

Olivia: Can you help us?

Carlos: I'm not sure what I can do...I don't really want to lose my job...

Sarah: No...I guess not – but if you work for the building company, you could do some research for us...

Carlos: Research? How do you mean?

Sarah: You could find out some information for us...

Carlos: Erm, well, ok, I mean, if I can...I'd like to help you!

Olivia: Great! Let's see what we can do... we can save this place!

Comprehension Task

True or false

Listen to the episode and then decide whether these statements are true or false.

1. Magda arrives in the café after Sarah.
2. The property company doesn't want to demolish Olivia's shop.
3. The property company have offered to pay the shop owners money.
4. Carlos orders a snack and a coffee.
5. Carlos is a top manager with the property company.
6. Carlos is afraid of losing his job.
7. Sarah doesn't want Carlos to get information for them.

Language Task

Grammar

Fill in the table

Decide whether the nouns on the left are countable or uncountable. Write them in the correct column.

	Countable	Uncountable
<i>information</i>		
<i>research</i>		
<i>problem</i>		
<i>tea</i>		
<i>seat</i>		
<i>plan</i>		
<i>compensation</i>		
<i>food</i>		
<i>money</i>		
<i>cup</i>		
<i>flat</i>		

Grammar

Order the words

Put the words into the correct order to make sentences from the recording.

- can understand happen I this don't how _____
- think have a I plan need we to _____
- look everyone Why sad does so? _____
- else we meet can There's all nowhere _____
- want I really job don't to my lose _____
- find You out information could for some us _____

Vocabulary Task

Word Search

Find eighteen four-letter verbs from the recording.

They are: tell, like, help, cook, make, lose, work, find, save, come, stop, want, talk, keep, meet, need, take and have.

C T Z E D W C K X W M L L M R
 E O V Z E E A W S M G O L A B
 R A O M G A E N P P S D E K V
 H E O K F H J N T E Q Y T E F
 O C F S P S H I N S E A A B X
 P H E L P B S T O P K E S U N
 Y R I Z O U E B T D A V T L M
 B S N D S I H M Z V T A A J Q
 N P Z D I H P N T Q F S L U M
 U V H M Q V R L T C E K K V A
 C F I C D F X G U K M O D Q J
 T D B K A N F Y I M O N M S U
 J O E S B T I L B Q L K R O W
 P E T E E M Z F V A N F L S B
 P Z C Z W E W Z I L I D L S F

Answers

Vocabulary: Wordsearch

Grammar Task 2: 6 - You could find out some information for us.

Grammar Task 2: 5 - I don't really want to lose my job.

Grammar Task 2: 4 - There's nowhere else we can all meet.

Grammar Task 2: 3 - Why does everyone look so sad?

Grammar Task 2: 2 - I think we need to have a plan.

Grammar Task 2: 1 - I don't understand how this can happen.

Comprehension Task: 1 - Countable: problem, seat, plan, flat, cup of tea, shop, Uncountable: information, research, compensation, food, tea, money.
 Grammar Task 1: 1 - true, 2 - false, 3 - true, 4 - false, 5 - false, 6 - true, 7 - false

Before you listen: 1 - a, 2 - h, 3 - d, 4 - c, 5 - f, 6 - a, 7 - c, 8 - g