

Series 2 Episode 5

Good Journalism?

Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 2 Episode 5

This support pack contains the following materials:

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Bindyu has done something to save the cafe but is it the right thing to do? 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. historic	2. exclusive	3. scoop	4. reveal
5. confidential	6. source	7. mention	8. worry

Definitions:

- a. A big, important news story
- b. Show, demonstrate
- c. Refer to something or someone
- d. Think negatively about future problems
- e. Something famous or important in the past
- f. The origin of something
- g. Private
- h. Only in one place

Audio script

Harry: “Campaign to save local shops”

Bindyu: Yes, they put my article on the front page of the newspaper...

Harry: “Historic buildings threatened by new development”

Bindyu: I feel like a real journalist now!

Olivia: It must make a change from writing about interior design...

Bindyu: Oh yes...

Sarah: Let’s have a look...

Harry: Great photo as well – look, you can see my banner on the front of the café!

Sarah: “We have discovered that Tony’s Café and the shoe shop threatened with demolition are actually historic buildings...” Erm, it was really me and my friend who discovered that, Bindyu, not you...

Bindyu: Yes, you’re right, but what’s important is that now they can’t close the café!

Olivia: Or my shop....

Bindyu: Exactly!

Sarah: I guess you’re right... “We have found exclusive information which shows that the company building the new flats – who want to demolish the historic buildings to make more space – know they should not demolish the buildings...” Hang on! The building company already know! How did you find that out?

Bindyu: It’s an exclusive! A scoop!

Sarah: But how did you find that information?

Bindyu: That’s a secret!

Olivia: Go on, tell us!

Bindyu: A good journalist never reveals her sources!

Sarah: Go on, tell us!

Bindyu: Magda told me!

Magda: Hello everyone!

Olivia: Talk of the devil...

Magda: Sorry? Devil?

Olivia: Magda, I’m sorry... it’s just an expression...

Magda: What does it mean?

Olivia: If you’re talking about somebody, and then they appear, you say: “Talk of the devil...”

Magda: Oh. I see. And why were you talking about me?

Olivia: You gave some important information to Bindyu...

Magda: Well, yes, it’s true. I did find out some interesting information. It’s my new job – I work for that company, you know...

Olivia: Yeah. I was surprised you found that confidential information!

Magda: But I didn’t think you’d write about it, Bindyu!

Bindyu: Don’t worry. I didn’t mention your name anywhere! This is good journalism...

Magda: I guess so, but... if my employers find out I gave information to you, I could be in trouble! I might lose my job!

Olivia: Oh no...

Bindyu: Don’t worry Magda. No one will know, and our campaign will be successful...

Magda: OK

Harry: Yeah – you watch – there’s no way they can close the café now!

Olivia: I hope you’re right...

Sarah: Oh!

Magda: Wow!

Harry: Hey!

Olivia: Hi!!

Bindyu: Erm, who’s this?

All: Johnny!!!

Johnny: Hi!!!

Olivia: Welcome back!

Harry: Good to see you, man!

Johnny: Good to see you all again! I’m back!

Comprehension Task

True or false

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

1. Bindyu's article is on the front page of the newspaper.
2. Tony told Bindyu that the café was an historic building.
3. Harry helped Bindyu to write the article.
4. Olivia was surprised that Magda got information from her company.
5. Bindyu included Magda's name in the article.
6. Fadi has returned to the café after a long time.

Vocabulary Task 1

Gap fill

Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

1. Let's have a _____!
2. I _____ you're right!
3. I _____ you're right!
4. _____ of the devil!
5. Go on, _____ us!
6. What does it _____?
7. Welcome _____!
8. Good to see you _____!

man	hope	back	tell
mean	guess	look	talk

Vocabulary Task 2

Spelling

Choose the correct spellings.

	Option A	Option B
1	campaign	campaing
2	development	developement
3	actualy	actually
4	expresion	expression
5	reveal	reveale
6	really	realy
7	surprised	suprised
8	wellcome	welcome

Grammar Task

Gap Fill

Complete the gaps in the summary with a, an, the or – (no article).

_____ ¹ company that is building _____ ² new flats knows that _____ ³ Tony's Café and _____ ⁴ shoe shop are historic buildings. Olivia and her friends want to stop _____ ⁵ company from knocking down _____ ⁶ café and _____ ⁷ shop. Bindyu wrote _____ ⁸ article for _____ ⁹ local newspaper about _____ ¹⁰ situation. _____ ¹¹ newspaper _____ ¹² article was printed on _____ ¹³ front page. _____ ¹⁴ lots of people know what is happening now.

Answers

Before you listen: 1 - e, 2 - h, 3 - a, 4 - b, 5 - g, 6 - f, 7 - c, 8 - d
 Comprehension Task: 1 - true, 2 - false, 3 - false, 4 - true, 5 - false, 6 - false
 Vocabulary Task 1: 1 - look, 2 - guess/hope, 3 - guess/hope, 4 - talk, 5 - tell, 6 - mean, 7 - back, 8 - man
 Vocabulary Task 2: 1 - a, 2 - a, 3 - b, 4 - b, 5 - a, 6 - a, 7 - a, 8 - b
 Grammar Task: 1 - The, 2 - the, 3 - no article, 4 - the, 5 - the, 6 - the, 7 - the, 8 - an, 9 - the, 10 - the, 11 - The, 12 - no article, 13 - the, 14 - no article