

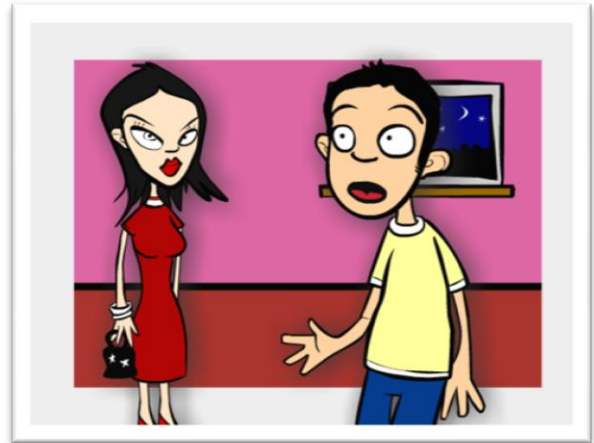
Series 2 Episode 9: New Year's Resolutions Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 2 Episode 9

This support pack contains the following materials:

- Before you listen
- Comprehension Task
- Grammar Task
- Vocabulary Task
- Audio script



What are Johnny and his friends going to do for New Year's Eve? Is Carlos finally asking Sarah out on a date? 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. new year's resolution	2. to fix	3. chef	4. a date
5. to wonder	6. a chance	7. supposed	8. website

Definitions:

- a. A professional cook in a restaurant
- b. Thought to be something or somehow
- c. To think about and try to understand
- d. To mend
- e. A romantic meeting
- f. A promise that is made to one's self on 1st January
- g. An opportunity
- h. A series of pages in a certain location on the internet

➤ Now, listen to episode 9.

Comprehension Task

Match up

Decide who does the following things:



Olivia



Sarah



Bindyu



Harry



Fadi



Johnny



Carlos

1. _____ enjoys saying “Happy New Year”.
2. _____ has a problem with her website.
3. _____ recommends somebody to help Olivia.
4. _____ offers to fix the web page.
5. _____ isn't happy that her boyfriend is going to fix the web page.
6. _____ wants to ask somebody out on a date.
7. _____ is the last person to arrive at the café.

Grammar Task

Gap Fill

Look at sentences a-h and complete the rules 1-2 with the words given below.

Example sentences

- a. You are **supposed** to say...
- b. They were **supposed** to be new.
- c. I **can** help.
- d. We **can** do it all again.
- e. You **need** to practice.
- f. I **need** to fix it.
- g. You **should** decide to do something.
- h. He **should** ask her out.

Rules

- the infinitive without to* *the infinitive with to*
1. We use _____ after “supposed” and “need”.
 2. We use _____ after “can” and “should”.

Vocabulary Task

Match up

Match the two parts to make common expressions.

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| 1. Let's • | a. there! |
| 2. Oh • | b. the problem? |
| 3. Shut • | c. please! |
| 4. What's • | d. know! |
| 5. Hello • | e. up? |
| 6. What's • | f. up! |
| 7. You • | g. on! |
| 8. Go • | h. wait. |

Vocabulary Task 2

Word Search

Find the following eight adjectives from the recording – and their eight opposites – in the word search:

happy

first

friendly

large

strong

bad

right

new

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Audio Script

Johnny: Happy New Year!

Fadi: Stop, please! Enough New Year!

Johnny: It's the first time I've seen you this year! You're supposed to say 'Happy New Year!'

Fadi: OK, OK...happy New Year to you too, then!

Johnny: It will be Chinese New Year soon – then we can do it all again!

Fadi: Fine, OK, let's wait until then, though, eh?

Magda: Hello everyone!

Fadi: Hi!

Johnny: Hi!

Magda: Happy New Year!

Fadi: Oh, please!

Magda: I'm only trying to be friendly....

Fadi: Yeah, sure, sorry... can we think about something else now please?

Magda: Have you made any new year's resolutions?

Johnny: New Year's what?

Magda: new Year's resolutions. Olivia told me about it - at the beginning of the year, you should decide to do something, and do it all year.

Johnny: What kind of thing?

Fadi: Something like stop smoking, or go to the gym every day, or study more...

All: Hi Olivia! Hey! Hello!

Olivia: Hmmph. Tony – could I have a large coffee please? Make it extra strong!

Fadi: Looks like someone's having a bad day...!

Olivia: Oh shut up Fadi!

Fadi: Sorry!

Magda: What's up, Olivia?

Olivia: My website isn't working properly. I need to fix it.

Fadi: Here's the right man to help you!

Harry: Hello there! Are you talking about me?

Olivia: I've got problems with my website again...

Harry: I told you I should have set it up the first time! You should have asked me!

Olivia: OK, OK... you were right...

Harry: So what's the problem?

Olivia: The online sales page doesn't work. People can't buy my shoes!

Harry: I'm sure I can help fix it.

Olivia: Go on then. Come over to my flat tonight, and we'll have a look.

Bindyu: Oh, sorry Olivia, I'm not sure he can come to your flat tonight.

Harry: Yeah, I can. I'm not busy tonight.

Bindyu: I thought we were going to the cinema?

Harry: Were we? Sorry, I didn't know. I'd like to help Olivia, if I can...

Bindyu: Hmmphh.

Olivia: Oh listen Harry... don't worry if you can't come and help.

Harry: No. I'll come. I love websites – you know!

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Johnny: Here's another one of our friends... thank goodness for that...

All: Hello Carlos!

Carlos: Hello there!

Magda: We were talking about New Year's resolutions. What's yours?

Carlos: New Year's what?

Magda: New Year's resolution - at the beginning of the year, you should decide to do something, and do it all year.

Carlos: Oh, I see...well I want to be a chef...

Fadi: We know that, it's not new.

Johnny: It has to be something new!

Magda: Yes – something you want to do this year!

Carlos: Oh. OK... I see, well... let me think... something I want to do this year... I know. I want to ask Sarah out on a date!

All: Wow!

Magda: Oh... well... it looks like you have a chance right now, Carlos!

Sarah: Hello everyone! Were you talking about me?

Carlos: Well, no, erm yes, I mean...

Magda: Go on, Carlos!

Fadi: Carlos has got a question to ask you...

Sarah: Oh yes?

Carlos: Oh, yes, erm... well... I was wondering if... erm...

Sarah: If?

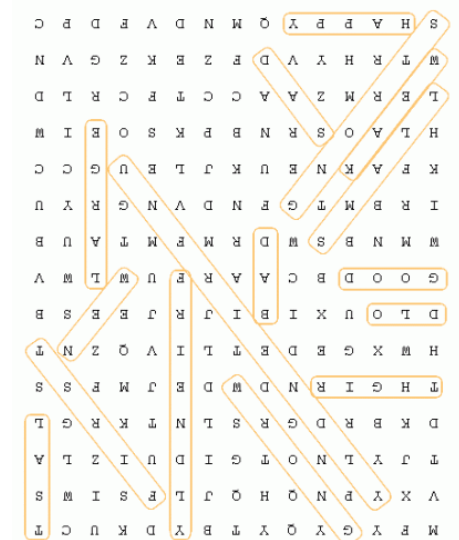
Carlos: Yes, if you'd like to... erm... I don't know... perhaps... erm... go out some time?

Sarah: Go out with you?

Carlos: Well, yeah, I mean, if you want to...

Sarah: Oh well... erm... what I think is...

Answers



Vocabulary Task 2:

Vocabulary Task: 1 - h, 2 - c, 3 - f, 4 - e, 5 - a, 6 - h, 7 - d, 8 - g

Grammar Task: 1 - the infinitive with to, 2 - the infinitive without to

Comprehension Task: 1 - Johnny, 2 - Olivia, 3 - Fadi, 4 - Harry, 5 - Bindu, 6 - Carlos, 7 - Sarah

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