

Big City Small World S3 E1 – A Burglary



Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 3 Episode 1

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This support pack contains the following materials:

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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.

a) a break-in (n)	b) a thief (n)	c) to nip into (somewhere)
d) a dustbin (n)	e) a burglary (n)	f) upset (adj)

Definitions:

1. A theft from a house or shop when no one is there
2. Someone stealing from your house (colloquial)
3. Someone who steals something.
4. Not happy
5. To go into a place for a short time
6. A big bin

Audio script

Tony: Oh no... Oh no... I don't believe it!

Harry (still outside): Let's just nip into the café for breakfast.

Bindyu: OK, sure.

Harry (entering): Hi there, Tony! What's the problem?

Tony: Just have a look!

Harry: Ermm... Everything looks normal to me!

Olivia: Hi, everyone! Just thought I'd nip in to get a coffee before work... er... what's going on?

Bindyu: Tony's upset about something.

Olivia: I can't see anything unusual.

Harry: Me neither.

Tony: What?! Are you mad? Look – all these cups are broken!

Olivia: Oh, yeah. Now you mention it...

Tony: And look at the mess here!

Harry: Some broken plates on the floor.

Tony: The dustbins!

Fadi: Hi, all! What's going on? What's wrong with the dustbins?

Tony: There's rubbish everywhere!

Bindyu: Oh yeah.

Magda Hi, all!

Sarah: What's up?

Tony: There's been a break-in!

Harry: A burglary?

Olivia: Thieves?

Magda/Sarah: Oh no!

Olivia: Has anything been stolen?

Magda: Quick! Check!

Tony: I never leave any money in the café overnight, so that's not a danger.

Harry: Is there anything else? Anything valuable?

Tony: Well, there were those special pieces of fish.

All: Fish?

Tony: Yeah... I had some really nice fish.

Carlos: Hey, everyone! What's going on?

All: Blimey! What?! What's that?!

Harry: Who the...?

Sarah: What the...?

Fadi: How did...?

All: A cat!????

Olivia: There's your burglar!

Tony: That explains the fish.

Johnny: Hello all! Ooohh. Hello, puss! Is this the new café cat?

Comprehension Task

Choose the correct word in each sentence.

- 1 Harry suggests going into the café for **lunch / breakfast**.
- 2 Tony is **angry / upset**.
- 3 The cups and plates are **broken / missing**.
- 4 Tony **never / usually** keeps money in the café overnight.
- 5 A **dog / cat** is responsible for the mess.

Vocabulary Task 1

Fill in the gaps with a preposition below.

on with into in to at

- 1 Let's nip... the café.
- 2 Everything looks normal... me.
- 3 Look... the mess here!
- 4 What's going...?
- 5 There's been a break-...!
- 6 What's wrong... the dustbins?

Vocabulary Task 2

Choose the correct spelling.

- 1 breakfast / brekfast
- 2 mes/ mess
- 3 rubbish / rubish
- 4 everywhere / evrywhere
- 5 theives/ thieves
- 6 special/ especial
- 7 burgler / burglar

Grammar Task

Choose the correct sentence (a or b).

1a I don't believe it!

1b I'm not believing it!

2a What is going on?

2b What goes on?

3a There'll be a break-in.

3b There's been a break-in.

4a Had anything been stolen?

4b Has anything been stolen?

5a I had some really nice fish.

5b I was having some really nice fish.

Answers

Pre-listening:

1. e; 2. a; 3. b; 4. f; 5. c; 6. d

Comprehension:

1. breakfast; 2. upset; 3. broken; 4. never; 5. cat

Vocabulary 1:

1. into; 2. to; 3. at; 4. on; 5. in; 6. with

Vocabulary 2:

1. breakfast; 2. mess; 3. rubbish; 4. everywhere; 5. thieves; 6. special; 7. burglar

Grammar:

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