

Big City Small World S3 E10 – Family Matters



Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 3 Episode 10

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This support pack contains the following materials:

1. Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
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6. Vocabulary Task

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) be off (v.)	b) traditional (adj.)	c) background (n.)
d) ashamed of (adj.)	e) ordinary (adj.)	f) enquiry (n.)

Definitions:

1. Feeling that something is not up to standard
2. History
3. Request for information
4. Following tradition; unchanging
5. Leave
6. Plain; normal

Transcript

Olivia: Hey, Harry! How's it going?

Harry: Not bad, thanks.

Olivia: Are you a millionaire yet?

Harry: Eh? What? Oh ... Fadi's "FindLondon" business. Actually, it's going pretty well – we've set up a website and now we're taking lots of enquiries, there's a lot of interest. But I'm only an investor, you know – it's not my real job.

Olivia: Sounds even better – if you can make money without working!

Harry: Yeah! I guess that's the plan. That's Fadi's plan anyhow! But – as your friend Magda says – there's more to life than money.

Olivia: Well, that's certainly true.

Harry: I mean, I want to spend more time with Bindyu – that's what makes me really happy ...

Olivia: Why don't you just go out more together?

Harry: Well, we see each other most days ... but it's not that ...

Olivia: What is it then?

Harry: I'd like to take our relationship a bit more seriously.

Olivia: But?

Harry: But she doesn't want me to meet her parents.

Olivia: Oh, I see. Why not?

Harry: That's just it – I don't know really. I think she's embarrassed by me, or ashamed of me ... or something ...

Olivia: No! That can't be true! Why do you think that?

Harry: I don't know. Perhaps I'm not rich enough, or successful enough. You know, I'm just an ordinary London guy. Anyhow, I must be

off now – if you see Bindyu let her know I was looking for her!

Olivia: Will do! Bye!

Bindyu: Hey there!

Olivia: Hello! Oh, Harry was just in here looking for you.

Bindyu: I knew it! I meant to catch him – but just missed him!

Olivia: He was talking about you, actually.

Bindyu: Oh yeah? All good things I hope.

Olivia: Yes, but ...

Bindyu: But? You mean there's a "but"?

Olivia: Yeah. He thinks you're not taking the relationship as seriously as he wants.

Bindyu: Oh no! That's not true ... Why does he think that?

Olivia: He thinks you don't want him to meet your family.

Bindyu: Oh, I see. It's not that I don't want him to meet my parents, it's just that it's ...

Olivia: What?

Bindyu: It's just difficult, that's all.

Olivia: Why?

Bindyu: Well ... you know ... We're so different ... from different backgrounds ... and my family are very traditional.

Olivia: I see ... Still, perhaps you should try.

Bindyu: Yeah – maybe you're right. I'll try.

Comprehension Task 1

Complete the sentences with these words.

traditional *ashamed* *rich*
interested *serious* *worried*

- 1 A lot of people are in the new business.
- 2 Harry wants to have a more relationship with Bindyu.
- 3 Harry thinks Bindyu is of him.
- 4 Bindyu tells Olivia she is about taking Harry home.
- 5 Harry doesn't think he is enough for Bindyu's family.
- 6 Bindyu thinks her family is very

Grammar Task 1

Sometimes a root verb can have two adjective forms; one ending in **-ing** and the other ending in **-ed**. Look at these two sentences:

Bindyu is **worried** about Harry meeting her family.
It is a **worrying** situation.

We use an adjective with **-ed** to describe a feeling.
We use an adjective with **-ing** to describe something that produces a feeling.

Choose the correct adjective in these sentences.

- 1 That's an **interested/interesting** book.
- 2 Harry is **interested/interesting** in meeting Bindyu's family.
- 3 I'm very **excited/exciting** about going to London.
- 4 The holiday plans are really **excited/exciting**.
- 5 I'm **embarrassed/embarrassing** because my English is not good enough.
- 6 My level of English is **embarrassed/embarrassing**!
- 7 What shall we do? I'm **bored/boring**!
- 8 This is a **bored/boring** game. Let's play something else.

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Answers

Pre-listening:

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

Comprehension Task 1:

1. interested; 2. serious; 3. ashamed; 4. worried; 5. rich; 6. traditional

Grammar Task 1:

1. interesting; 2. interested; 3. excited; 4. exciting; 5. embarrassed; 6. embarrassing; 7. bored; 8. boring

Grammar Task 2:

1. interesting; 2. embarrassed; 3. excited; 4. interested; 5. bored; 6. embarrassing; 7. exciting; 8. boring

Vocabulary Task:

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