

## Big City Small World S3 E4 – A New Chef



### Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

#### Big City Small World – Series 3 Episode 4

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<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/big-city-small-world/series-3-episode-4-new-chef>

This support pack contains the following materials:

1. Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
2. Audio script
3. Comprehension Task 1: Put the events in order
4. Comprehension Task 2: Choose the correct word
5. Vocabulary Task: Useful phrases
6. Grammar: Countable and uncountable

### 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) Snob (n.)	b) Seasonal (adj.)	c) Pretty + adj. (intensifier)
d) Tuna (n.)	e) Omelette (n.)	f) Standard (adj.)

### Definitions:

1. Available for a particular, limited time in the year.
2. A dish made with beaten eggs.
3. Quite, a bit.
4. A person who feels superior to others.
5. Regular.
6. A big fish.

## Transcript

**Carlos:** Hi, Tony! Could I have a coffee, please?

**Tony:** OK ...

**Carlos:** What food have you got on today?

**Tony:** The usual – I've got some sandwiches – you can have tuna, chicken, cheese or ham. I can do some fried eggs, or an omelette. I've got some nice sausages, some chicken curry ...

**Carlos:** Erm, that's OK, thanks, I'll just have the coffee.

**Tony:** Fair enough. Suit yourself.

**Olivia:** Hi there, Carlos! Come and sit over here!

**Carlos:** OK. Thanks!

**Olivia:** You didn't fancy anything to eat then?

**Carlos:** No. I don't want to sound rude, but ... well ... the food here isn't very good!

**Olivia:** Go on ... It's not bad! Just standard British food, that's all.

**Carlos:** Yeah. Exactly.

**Olivia:** Oh, don't be such a snob! We eat pretty well in Britain!

**Johnny:** Hi, all! Mind if I join you?

**Carlos/Olivia:** Hey! Oh hi!

**Carlos:** No, not at all.

**Olivia:** Pull up a seat!

**Johnny:** What's going on?

**Olivia:** Carlos was just saying how much he hates British food.

**Johnny:** Yeah. He's got a point.

**Olivia:** Oh, don't you start as well!

**Johnny:** There are some good Chinese places in Soho.

**Carlos:** Yeah – there are some good restaurants in London, but they're so expensive.

**Olivia:** If you eat fresh, seasonal, local food in Britain, it's great.

**Carlos:** Maybe, yeah – but you can't always find it.

**Johnny:** Shhh! Here comes Tony now!

**Tony:** Here you go, Olivia – that egg sandwich you ordered!

**Olivia:** Thanks, Tony!

**Tony:** No problem!

**Carlos:** See what I mean?

**Olivia:** OK, OK. Maybe you've got a point.

**Johnny:** Oh no ... Here comes Tony! He must have heard you complaining about his food!

**Tony:** Erm ... listen, guys ... erm ... I'm not feeling too well ... not good at all ... I think I'll have to go home. There's no one else in today, so I'm afraid you'll all have to go home.

**Olivia:** Oh no! I'm sorry, Tony – don't worry.

**Carlos:** No, don't worry! I'm a trained chef!!!

**Johnny:** That's true – he is!

**Carlos:** I'll take over for you! I love cooking!

**Olivia:** I guess this is your chance, Carlos!

**Tony:** Er ... Are you sure?

**Carlos:** Yeah, it's no problem. I've worked in restaurants before – I'll make sure the café stays open, and then you won't lose a day's business!

**Tony:** Oh ... er ... well ... erm ... yeah ... I guess so. Yeah. I mean, thanks!

**Carlos:** No problem!

**Tony:** I'll just show you where everything is, then you can get on with it!

**Sarah:** Hi, all!

**All:** Hi, Sarah ...

**Tony:** Right then, Carlos, I'll be off. Hope everything goes OK!

**Carlos:** I'll be fine!

**Sarah:** Carlos!?

**Carlos:** Hi, Sarah!

**Sarah:** What are you doing there?

**Carlos:** I'm the new chef in Tony's Café!

**Sarah:** Oh no!

## Comprehension Task 1

Put the events in order:

1. Sarah arrives.
2. Tony brings Olivia some food.
3. Tony tells Carlos what food he has.
4. Carlos comes into the café.
5. Carlos tells Olivia he doesn't like British food.
6. Johnny agrees with Carlos about British food.
7. Tony doesn't feel well.
8. Carlos offers to run the café.

## Comprehension Task 2

Choose the correct word in each sentence.

1. Carlos thinks the food at Tony's is **bad / good**.
2. Tony serves **Chinese / British** food.
3. Carlos thinks London restaurants are **rubbish / expensive**.
4. Olivia ordered a **ham / egg** sandwich.
5. **Tony / Carlos** isn't feeling well.
6. Carlos **has / hasn't** worked in a restaurant before.
7. Sarah is **unhappy / surprised** to see Carlos behind the counter.

## Vocabulary Task

Complete the phrases in each sentence. Look back at the transcript if you need help!

1. A: I'll do the dishes, and you clear the table.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ enough.
2. A: I just want a coffee, thanks.  
B: Suit \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A: Have you tried Carlos's food?  
B: Yes! He cooks \_\_\_\_\_ well.
4. A: You should try to buy \_\_\_\_\_ food. It's better for the environment, and fresher too.
5. A: Can I sit here?  
B: Sure. No \_\_\_\_\_.

## Grammar Task

Decide if the words are countable or uncountable.

bread egg omelette toast sausage pasta spaghetti sandwich apple meat

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## Answers

### Pre-listening:

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

### Comprehension Task 1:

4; 3; 5; 6; 2; 7; 8; 1;

### Comprehension Task 2:

1. bad; 2. British; 3. expensive; 4. egg; 5. Tony; 6. has; 7. unhappy

### Vocabulary:

1. Fair; 2. yourself; 3. pretty; 4. local; 5. problem;

### Grammar:

**count:** egg; omelette; sausage; sandwich; apple

**uncount:** bread; toast; pasta; spaghetti; meat