

Big City Small World S3 E9 – Saving the Business?



Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 3 Episode 9

To listen to the recording, go to:

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/big-city-small-world/series-3-episode-9-saving-business>

This support pack contains the following materials:

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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) to secure (v.)	b) to owe (v.)	c) 'fraid not
d) proper (adj.)	e) necessary (adj.)	f) actually (adv.)

Definitions:

1. I'm afraid not, meaning I'm sorry, but no
2. To have a debt with somebody
3. To make something safe
4. Needed
5. Really
6. Serious; correct

Transcript

Harry: Hi there! Have you seen Fadi?

on a major moneymaking opportunity.

Olivia: 'Fraid not, not today anyway.

Harry: How did you save the company?

Johnny: Hi there! Has anyone seen Fadi today? **Fadi:** Erm, my uncle, actually. He's pretty rich. And he thought "FindLondon" tourist services was a really good idea! So he's invested lots of money ... and now we're going to be rich too!

Magda: No! What's all the interest in Fadi?

Harry: He owes us money!

Johnny: Okay, then. I'm still in.

Olivia: Oh dear ...

Harry: Me too – executive director!

Magda: That sounds bad.

Johnny: Yeah ... well done, Fadi!

Olivia: Is this what happened to his great business idea?

Harry: I feel like a really serious person now! A proper businessman! Even Bindyu's family will like me!

Johnny: Yes.

All: Fadi!

Magda: Oh, Harry! There's more to life than money you know!

Olivia: Everyone's looking for you.

Fadi: Aren't they always?

Harry: Hey, I know that – but I don't think Bindyu's family do ...

Magda: Not in a good way, though!

Fadi: Friends, friends ... Have no worries!

Johnny/Harry: What? What are you on about?

Fadi: I have saved the day!

Olivia: Go on ... what have you done this time?

Fadi: Secured the necessary investment to make "FindLondon" a huge success!

Harry: You have?

Johnny: And will we get our money back?

Fadi: If you want out, then you can leave.

Johnny: Hmmm ...

Fadi: But be warned ... You will be missing out

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Comprehension Task 1

Put the events in order – remember, some of them may happen before the recording begins!

- a) Fadi's uncle agrees to invest in the business.
- b) Fadi tells his uncle about FindLondon.
- c) Harry says he wants to be executive director.
- d) Fadi offers Johnny and Harry their money back.
- e) Johnny and Harry are looking for Fadi.
- f) Harry tells Olivia that Fadi owes him money.
- g) Johnny congratulates Fadi for doing well.
- h) Fadi arrives at the café.

Comprehension Task 2

Choose the correct word or words in each sentence.

1. Olivia **has/hasn't** seen Fadi today.
2. Harry has given money to **Johnny/Fadi**.
3. Fadi **reassures/worries** everyone when he arrives.
4. Fadi thinks the business idea is going to **fail/succeed**.
5. Fadi's **father/uncle** has invested money.
6. Harry wants to impress his **girlfriend/girlfriend's family**.

Grammar Task

Complete these sentences and questions with the present perfect tense.

1. _____ you _____ (see) Fadi?
2. I _____ (not see) Fadi.
3. What _____ you _____ (do) this time, Fadi?
4. Fadi _____ (secure) the money the business needs.
5. His rich uncle _____ (invest) in FindLondon.
6. Harry _____ (not meet) Bindyu's parents yet.
7. _____ Bindyu _____ (arrived) yet?
8. I _____ (talk) to her already.

Vocabulary Task

Complete these sentences with the best word about business or money from the list.

speculate	invest	owes	opportunity
investment	making	moneymaking	rich

- You have to _____ to accumulate!
- I hear he made more than a million pounds last year – he's extremely _____.
- I wonder when Fadi will pay me back – he _____ me two hundred pounds!
- Fadi's always full of crazy plans and _____ ideas.
- You know, this FindLondon business might be the best _____ I've ever made.
- It's a good idea to check you understand a business before you _____ in it.
- Many people dream of _____ lots of money, but few people manage it.
- This is a once-in-a-lifetime _____!

Answers

Pre-listening:

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

Comprehension Task 1:

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

Comprehension Task 2:

1. hasn't; 2. Fadi; 3. reassures; 4. succeed; 5. uncle; 6. girlfriend's family

Grammar Task:

1. Have ... seen; 2. haven't seen; 3. have ... done; 4. has secured; 5. has invested; 6. hasn't met; 7. Has ... arrived; 8. have talked

Vocabulary Task:

1. speculate; 2. rich; 3. owes; 4. moneymaking; 5. investment; 6. invest; 7. making; 8. opportunity