

Big City Small World S3 E2 – A Prize



Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 3 Episode 2

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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.

1. A prize (n.)	2. Shy (adj.)	3. A decision (n.)
4. Doorway (n.)	5. Proud (adj.)	6. Champagne (n.)

Definitions:

- a. The space where a door hangs.
- b. Expensive fizzy white wine from an area of France.
- c. An award for winning a competition.
- d. Timid.
- e. Feeling good about something you have achieved.
- f. A choice.

Transcript

Magda: Hi, everyone!

Sarah, Olivia: Hi! Hello there!

Magda: Could I have a coffee, please, Tony?

Tony: As usual?

Magda: Yeah. By the way, do you have any champagne?

Tony: Champagne? Not in this café, Magda! Wrong place, sorry!

Olivia: Did I hear you asking for champagne, Magda?

Magda: Yes you did!

Sarah: What are you celebrating?

Magda: Well, nothing yet.

Olivia: Go on!

Magda: The company I work for ...

Sarah: Your architect's company?

Magda: Yeah – we've been listed for a prize!

Sarah: Hey – that's great!

Olivia: "Listed"? So you haven't won the prize yet?

Magda: No – but we're in with a good chance!

Sarah: When will you find out if you've won?

Magda: Really soon – I'm expecting a phone call any minute!

Sarah: Wow! How exciting!

Olivia: Fingers crossed!

Sarah: So, Olivia – tell me. How are things going with Fadi? Have you been out with him again?

Olivia: Oh ... well ... you know ...

Magda: Go on! Tell us everything!

Olivia: There's nothing to tell! Really! Yeah, we've been out a couple of times, we went to a movie last night, but we're just good friends.

Sarah: "Just good friends"?

Olivia: Yeah – really! I like him, he's great, but nothing more than that.

Magda: I'm not sure I believe you!

Olivia: It's true! Anyway, let's change the subject – how are things going with you and Carlos, Sarah?

Sarah: Oh, OK.

Olivia: Come on! Who's being shy now?

Sarah: It's great, actually. I mean, we're really different as people, but we get on so well together.

Magda: Sounds good ...

Sarah: Yeah, it is, but I mean it's difficult. He doesn't really like his job here – he's thinking about going back to Brazil soon. I don't know if I want to go there!

Olivia: Decisions, decisions.

Sarah: Is that you, Magda?

Magda: Yes, it is. Now I'll find out if we've won ...

Sarah/Olivia: (squeal of excitement)

Magda: Hello? Yes. Yes. Oh. So? Erm, I see. And? Yes? YES!!!!!!!

Sarah/Olivia: Hooray!!!!!!

Sarah: You did it!

Magda: Yes! We won!

Olivia: Fantastic! Well done!

Sarah: So was this a building you designed?

Magda: Erm, no, not exactly ...

Olivia: But you designed a lot of it?

Magda: Erm, no, not exactly ...

Sarah: The doorway?

Magda: No.

Olivia: The windows?

Magda: No.

Sarah: What did you design, then?

Magda: Erm, actually, just the handles. On the doors.

Sarah: Oh.

Olivia: The door handles?

Magda: Yes.

Olivia: I see.

Sarah: Well, that's good! Door handles are important! You should be proud!

Magda: Yes. I guess so. It's a start!

Tony: Sorry, girls – no champagne, but I'll put extra sugar in your coffee. Free!

Olivia (sarcastically): Thanks, Tony!

Comprehension Task

Which of these sentences are true, and which false?

1. Magda orders champagne.
2. Magda is expecting a phone call.
3. Carlos loves his job.
4. Magda's company didn't win the prize.
5. Magda designed the windows and doors.
6. Tony gives the girls a bottle of champagne.

Vocabulary Task 1

Complete the summary using the words below.

sugar company door champagne
prize chance friends

Magda's architects' (1) has been listed for a (2) She thinks they are in with a good (3) of winning so she orders (4) The girls discuss their relationships. Olivia says that her and Fadi are just good (5) Sarah says that she and Carlos are very different people. The girls find out that Magda only designed the (6) handles on the building. Tony offers everyone extra (7)

Vocabulary Task 2

Choose the correct spelling.

- 1 champagne / champange
- 2 architect / arcitect
- 3 dificult / difficult
- 4 desing / design
- 5 actualy / actually

Grammar Task

Choose the correct verb form.

- 1 What **are you celebrating / do you celebrate**?
- 2 The company I work **for / by**.
- 3 So you haven't **winning the prize / won the prize** yet?
- 4 I'm expecting a phone call **some / any** minute!
- 5 Now I'll find out if **we've / we'd** won.
- 6 You **should be / to be** proud!

Answers

Pre-listening:

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

Comprehension:

1. F; 2. T; 3. F; 4. F; 5. F; 6. F

Vocabulary 1:

1. company; 2. prize; 3. chance; 4. champagne; 5. friends; 6. door; 7. sugar

Vocabulary 2:

1. champagne; 2. architect; 3. difficult; 4. design; 5. actually

Grammar:

1. are you celebrating; 2. for; 3. won the prize; 4. any; 5. we've; 6. should be