Meet Fadi

Introduction
This support pack accompanies: Meet the Cast – Fadi
This support pack contains the following materials:

- Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
- Audio script
- Comprehension Task: True or false
- Fadi’s Season 1 – Can you remember what happened to Fadi?

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. typical  
2. perfectly  
3. suppliers  
4. import  
5. mostly  
6. lousy  
7. marry  
8. going out with someone

Definitions:

a. In most situations  
b. Normal or as you would expect  
c. To become someone’s husband or wife  
d. To buy goods in a foreign country and bring them to your country  
e. People who sell and deliver goods to businesses  
f. Being someone’s boyfriend or girlfriend  
g. Exactly right for the situation  
h. Really bad
Audio script

Welcome everybody. I’m Fadi, good to meet you. Yeah, you’re right. Fadi isn’t a typical English name. That’s because my family is from Lebanon. I was born there too, but I’ve lived in London ever since I was a kid. Now I think of myself as being both, Lebanese and English. Mostly, I’m a Londoner. London is full of people from all over the world so I fit in perfectly here.

What do I do? Well, ideally, I mean, if the world was perfect, I wouldn’t do very much at all. Play football… watch TV… play video games… hang out with my friends. But unfortunately the world isn’t perfect so I have to work. I work for our family business. We’re suppliers to restaurants, so we import foods from different parts of the world, the Mediterranean and Middle East mostly, and then sell them on to restaurants. It’s ok, not my ideal job but, well it’s the family business so I have to be part of it really.

I get to travel quite a bit for my job too, which is ok. I wouldn’t like to be sitting in an office all day.

I love London like I said, there’s loads going on, people from everywhere, even if the weather here is lousy. I’m 24 now. My mother keeps on asking me when I’m going to get married. But it’s not going to happen for a few years yet. I think 24 is way too young to marry and besides, there are too many beautiful girls in this city, even if I’m not going out with any of them at the moment.

What else, er… not much really. I like nice clothes, night clubs, Arsenal football club, oh and hanging out with the people at Tony’s Café.

Comprehension Task

Read the sentences and decide if they are true or false

1. Fadi was born in London.
2. Fadi feels like he doesn't fit in in London.
3. Fadi would like a better job.
4. Fadi wouldn't like an office job.
5. Fadi's mum wants Fadi to get married.
6. Fadi has lots of girlfriends.
Fadi’s Season 1

Read the questions about Fadi’s life throughout season 1. Try to answer the questions. You might have to go back and listen to some of the earlier episodes again if you can’t remember.

1. In episode 2, what sort of business is Fadi in?
   a. Food supplies
   b. Office supplies
   c. Sports equipment

2. In episode 3, what did Fadi think about Harry?
   a. He’s cheap.
   b. He is good value for money.
   c. He’s expensive

3. In episode 4, what does Fadi say about Harry’s quote?
   a. He’s going to refuse it.
   b. He’s going to accept it.
   c. He’s going to think about it.

4. In episode 6, what was Fadi trying to persuade Harry to do?
   a. He was trying to persuade Harry to do the job quickly.
   b. He was trying to persuade Harry to do the job for free.
   c. He was trying to persuade Harry to do the job for less money.

5. In episode 7, whose flat did Fadi try to show to Sarah?
   a. His cousin’s flat.
   b. His nephew’s flat.
   c. His uncle’s flat.

6. In episode 12, what does Fadi think about his cousin?
   a. He’s a very helpful person.
   b. He’s horrible.
   c. He’s a friendly person.

Answers