Meet Sarah

Introduction

This support pack accompanies: Meet the Cast – Sarah

This support pack contains the following materials:

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

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. lonely	2. the crowd	3. fine art	4. contemporary
5. feel divided	6. way of life	7. fashion	8. designers

Definitions:

a. The manner in which a person lives

b. A group of people who can usually be found in a specific place

c. People who imagine how something could be made and then draw pictures

d. Unsure about two different ideas, principles or about a decision you need to make

e. Beautiful drawings, paintings and sculpture

f. The style that is popular at a particular time (especially for clothes)

g. Sad because you are on your own

h. Modern or happening now

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Audio script

Hello everybody I'm Sarah Zhang.

As you might guess, I'm not English, I'm from China. There are a lot of Chinese people in London now. Some of them have been here for a long time and some of them are quite new here, so I don't feel lonely.

I always have someone I can speak Chinese to and there are some great restaurants here so I don't have to eat English food all the time. I have some Chinese friends here but I also have lots of other friends, some from Britain and some from other places as well. The crowd in Tony's café. London is full of people from all over the world.

So, more about me. I'm 26 and I first came to Britain 4 years ago. I'm from Shanghai originally. I studied fine art in Shanghai and now I've come to London to carry on my studies. It's a great place to study. There are lots of students here. And some good universities.

Sometimes, I get a bit lonely and I miss my family and friends in China. And London can seem unfriendly at first. It's difficult to find a nice place to live here and it's very expensive. But there are lots of great galleries and museums here with classic and contemporary art so that means lots of opportunities for work.

I like it a lot in Europe. Now, I feel quite divided between the European way of life and the Chinese one.

When I'm not studying, well, I like to visit museums and galleries, you already guessed that, oh, and I like shopping. Shopping is great here. Some really interesting fashion; and great designers. I met my friend Olivia when I went to buy some shoes at her shop next door to the café. I also write pieces for a website, dimsum.co.uk about Chinese life in the UK. Oh, and I like to hang out with my friends at Tony's.

Comprehension Task

Read the sentences and decide if they are true or false

1. Sarah never eats English food.
2. All of Sarah's friends come from China.
3. Sarah studied fine-art in Shanghai.
4. Sarah came to London to work.
5. At first, Sarah found living in London difficult.
6. Sarah likes the museums and galleries in London.
7. Sarah met her friend Olivia in Tony's Café.
8. Sarah writes pieces for a magazine about Chinese life in the UK.

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Sarah's season 1

Read the questions about Sarah'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 1, who is Sarah waiting for?
    a. Magda
    b. Johnny
    c. Olivia
2. In episode 3, what happened to Sarah?
    a. She was fired.
    b. She was kicked out of her flat.
    c. She was robbed.
3. In episode 4, how long did Sarah have until she had to move out?
    a. One week
    b. Two weeks
    c. One month
4. In episode 5, did Sarah have any luck finding a new flat?
    a. She didn't find a flat.
    b. She found one place she liked.
    c. She found lots of nice places.
5. In episode 7, who offers to help Sarah to find a flat?
    a. Johnny
    b. Harry
    c. Fadi
6. In episode 8, what does Sarah think about Fadi's cousin's flat?
    a. She thinks it's horrible.
    b. She thinks it's nice.
    c. She thinks it's too expensive.
7. In episode 8, what problem does Sarah have with her new flat?
    a. She has a problem with her new neighbours.
    b. She has a problem with the electricity.
    c. She has a problem with her new landlord.
8. In episode 12, what happened to Sarah after she had a row with her landlord?
    a. She got kicked out.
    b. She had to pay higher rent.
    c. She moved out.

Answers

Before you watch: 1 - g, 2 - b, 3 - e, 4 - h, 5 - d, 6 - a, 7 - f, 8 - c
Comprehension task: 1 - false, 2 - false, 3 - true, 4 - false, 5 - true, 6 - true, 7 - false, 8 - false
Sarah's Season 1: 1 - a, 2 - b, 3 - c, 4 - a, 5 - c, 6 - b, 7 - c, 8 - c

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