

Introduction

This support pack accompanies the audio soap opera 'Big City Small World'. To listen to this episode, go to:

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/big-city-small-world/series-1-episode-5-fadi-rescue>

<p>This support pack contains the following materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a pre-listening vocabulary activity; • the transcript of the episode; • a comprehension activity; • three language activities 	<p>“Why are you looking so glum?”</p> 
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Before you listen

Activity 01

Match the words at the top to their definitions.

a. bonus	b. compromise	c. dump	d. glum
e. nosey	f. prospects	g. squeeze	h. weird

1. probability of success
2. something extra that is given or paid
3. inquisitive
4. apply pressure in order to extract more juice, etc.
5. strange, unnatural
6. agree by making mutual concessions
7. dirty, unpleasant place
8. gloomy, unhappy

Transcript

Johnny: Hi

Harry: Hi

Harry: Could we get two cappuccinos please?

Tony: Ok...sit down and I'll bring them over to you.

Harry: Cheers...

Johnny: So, listen, I had a word with the IT department about that job that I'd mentioned, and they'd like you to come in for a chat sometime...

Harry: A "chat"?

Johnny: Well, yeah, you know, not really a formal interview, just...well...like, a chat, so they

can get to know you, and see what you're like, and stuff...

Harry: But there's no real job on offer...

Johnny: Well, no, perhaps not as yet, not exactly...

Harry: Hmmm, I'm not sure.

Johnny: Go on! What have you got to lose?

Harry: I guess you're right...

Johnny: And it's a good company to work for...lots of prospects...great bonuses! And you get to work with me!

Harry: OK, when can I come in?

Olivia: Hi

All: Hi!

Johnny: Tomorrow I guess...
Olivia: Tomorrow what? What are you two planning in secret?
Harry: Olivia, you are so nosey! You always have to know everything about everyone else....
Olivia: Just natural curiosity...
Johnny: **Harry's** coming to work with me!
Olivia: That's great!
Harry: Hang on, hang on...it's not definite yet...
Olivia: I'm sure you'll get the job! Well done!
Harry: Slow down, will you!
Olivia: That means you'll be too busy to do my website for me...
Harry: I'm sure I can squeeze you in...
Olivia: I wouldn't want to overwork you!
Harry: We'll see, eh?
Olivia: OK, but don't lose any sleep over it.
All: Hi Sarah!
Johnny: How's the flat-hunting going?
Sarah: Ooooooppphhhh....I'm exhausted. I've been going round the city all day, looking at flats.
Olivia: And no success?

Sarah: No success at all.
Harry: What's the problem?
Sarah: They're all too small, or too dark, or too far away, or too expensive, or there are weird flatmates...
Harry: You'll have to compromise at some point....
Sarah: Yeah, I guess so, but I don't want to live in a complete dump, and it seems that I can't afford much more.
Fadi: Hello all!
All: Hi Fadi!
Harry: How's it going mate?
Fadi: I'm fine here, but why are you lot all looking so glum?
Olivia: Sarah still can't find a place to live.
Harry: Olivia's fed up because I can't do her website for her!
Johnny: Harry's not enthusiastic about working with me!
Fadi: Great...Well, I'll just have to try and solve all your problems, then, won't I?

After listening

Activity 02

Choose the correct word in each sentence.

Harry is going to have **an informal / a formal** interview.
 Johnny thinks his company is a **good / bad** place to work.
 Harry accuses Olivia of wanting to know **nothing / everything** about other people.
 Olivia is sure that Harry **won't / will** get the job.
 Sarah is very **sad / tired**.
 Sarah has met some **interesting / strange** people.

Activity 03

Choose the correct spelling in each question.

1	department	departament
2	interview	interveiw
3	curiositty	curiosity
4	definate	definite
5	to lose (your keys)	to loose
6	exhausted	exausted

Activity 04

Match the adjectives on the left with their 'extreme' equivalents on the right.

1. big	a. enormous
2. cold	b. exhausted
3. dirty	c. fascinating
4. hungry	d. filthy
5. interesting	e. freezing
6. scary	f. starving
7. small	g. terrifying
8. tired	h. tiny

Activity 05

Fill the text with a phrasal verb in each gap. Use the correct form of the verbs, and prepositions from the boxes.

bring	come	get	hang
sit	slow	work	

down (x2)	for	in
on	over	to

I was sitting in the café waiting. Annie (1) at 3 o'clock. She (2) next to me and the waiter (3) the menu. We ordered two coffees. Annie was happy. "I've started (4) another company", she said. "I'm finally (5) do what I have always wanted to do." She was talking very fast. "(6) a minute!" I said. "You're going too fast, (7) and tell me what's happened!"

Answers
Activity 01

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

Activity 02

1. an informal; 2. good; 3. everything; 4. will; 5. tired; 6. strange

Activity 03

1. department; 2. interview; 3. curiosity; 4. definite; 5. lose; 6. exhausted

Activity 04

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

Activity 05

1. came in; 2. sat down; 3. brought over; 4. working for; 5. getting to; 6. hang on; 7. slow down