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Big City Small World Support Pack – Series 1 Episode 10

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Series 1 Episode 10 - You'll be a shoo-in!

Introduction

This support pack accompanies: Big City Small World – Series 1 Episode 10

This support pack contains the following materials:

- Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
- Audio script
- Comprehension Task: True or false
- Vocabulary: Common expressions
- Grammar: Prepositions
- Grammar: Gerunds and infinitives
- Grammar: Word order

Before you listen

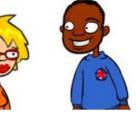
We suggest you do the vocabulary activity below before you listen. Then listen to the episode and do the first task to check your understanding. Finally, practise some vocabulary and grammar.

Match the words and phrases in the boxes to their definitions.

1. workmate	2. plaster	3. busy
4. punctual	5. otherwise	6. interview

Definitions:

- a. A hardened material used to cover broken bones in order to help them heal
- b. A meeting where you are asked questions to find out if you are the right person for a job
- c. Arriving on time
- d. A person who you work with
- e. Under other circumstances
- f. Having a lot of things to do





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Audio script

Olivia: How's the leg Johnny?

Johnny: A bit better thanks...I've got the plaster off it now, but I still need the crutch.

Olivia: Good to hear ...

Johnny: Your nephew young Joe didn't help...he's not here today is he? I need to recover!

Olivia: No, don't worry...l'm not looking after him today. He's with my sister.

Harry: Hello there!

Olivia: Hi Harry!

Johnny: Hi there workmate!

Olivia: How's it going, Harry?

Harry: Erm...not bad...

Olivia: You don't sound so sure...

Harry: No, really, everything's fine...

Johnny: Everything ok at work? I don't get to see you much...

Harry: Well, I'm always busy, you know...

Johnny: Oh yeah, I know...busy busy busy. That's me, too! Got to go right now...just to the doctor's though, he's having another look at my leg, making sure it's ok...

Olivia: Bye then Johnny! Hope it goes well!

Johnny: Me too! Whoops......Magda! Watch out!

Magda: Oh, sorry Johnny!

Johnny: Owwww!

All: Oh no!

Magda: Oh! I stepped on your toe!

Johnny: Don't worry...never mind...nothing serious...l'll get better! Good job l'm going to the doctor's right now! Bye!

Magda: Oh no! I feel so bad!

Harry: Don't worry about it, he's not really that bad! He hasn't broken any bones or anything.

Olivia: He's just a bit of an actor, that's all...

Harry: Tell me about it...he's terrible at work! I try and avoid him...

Olivia: Oh no! Why?

Harry: He just talks about his work all the time, about how important he is, and how rich he's going to be...it gets boring...

Olivia: But are you getting on with him ok, otherwise?

Harry: Yeah, I guess so...they really make me work hard for my money though...

Olivia: Do you think you'll stay with that job?

Harry: For a bit, I guess. I'll have to see how it goes, long term...

Magda: Isn't anyone going to ask about my interview?!

Olivia: Oh yes...sorry! Of course..so, how did it go?

Magda: I'm not sure...ok I think...it's difficult to say...

Harry: What questions did they ask you?

Magda: The usual ones...why I want this job, what I can bring to their company...

Olivia: Did you answer all the questions?

Magda: Sure...yes.

Harry: Did you ask a question?

Magda: Yes...I only got a chance to ask one, so I asked them how far I'd be free to follow my own projects as part of the job.

Olivia: Good question.

Harry: What did you wear?

Magda: A suit, like Johnny told me to! Black jacket, trousers...

Olivia: Did you arrive on time?



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Magda: I was perfectly punctual!

Harry: You'll be a shoo-in!

Magda: Sorry? A what?

Harry: A shoo-in! It means you're certain to get the job!

Comprehension Task

Decide whether these statements are *true* or *false*.

- 1. Johnny doesn't need to use a crutch now
- 2. Joe is with his mother
- 3. Johnny is going to see his doctor
- 4. Harry thinks Johnny is important
- 5. Magda asked a question at her interview
- 6. Magda arrived late for her interview

Vocabulary

Common Expressions:

Match the two parts of these common expressions.

- 1. Don't a. it going?
- 2. Hello b. serious!
- 3. How's c. worry!
- 4. Me • d. mind!
- 5. Never • e. there!
- 6. Nothing • f. too!

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Grammar 1

Prepositions:

Complete the sentences with a preposition from the box.

You will need to use some prepositions twice.

at	1.	I'm not looking my nephew today.
	2.	I'll see you later work.
after	3.	The doctor is having a look his leg.
about	4.	She accidentally stepped his toe!
on	5.	He talks work all the time, it's boring
	6.	Are you going to ask the interview?
	7.	She arrived time for the interview.

Grammar 2

Gerunds and infinitives:

Choose the correct option.

- 1. I need ______ from my operation.
 - a. to recover
 - b. recover
 - c. recovering
- 2. I don't get _____ you much.
 - a. to see
 - b. see
 - c. seeing
- 3. They make me _____ hard.
 - a. to work
 - b. work
 - c. working
- 4. It's difficult _____ how the interview went.
 - a. to say
 - b. say
 - c. saying





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Grammar 3

Word order

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Put the word in bold in the correct place in the sentence.

- 1. **still** I need to use the crutch.
- 2. **much** I don't get to see you.
- 3. **right** I'm going to the doctor's now.
- 4. **only** I got a chance to ask one question.

Answers

Bétore you listen: 1 - d, 2 - a, 3 - t, 4 - c, 5 - e, 6 - b Comprehension Task: 1 - False, 2 - True, 3 - True, 4 - False, 5 - True, 6 - False Vocabulary: 1 - c, 2 - e, 3 - a, 4 - t, 5 - d, 6 - b Grammar 2: 1 - after. 2 - a, 3 - b, 4 - a Grammar 2: 1 - a, 2 - a, 2 - b, 4 - a Grammar 2: 1. I don't get to use the crutch. 2. I don't get to see you much. 3. I'm going to the doctor's right now. 4. I only got a chance to ask one question.