

Series 1 Episode 11 - I'm an architect!

Introduction

This support pack accompanies: Big City Small World – Series 1 Episode 11

This support pack contains the following materials:

- Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
- Audio script
- Comprehension Task: Select the true sentence
- Vocabulary: Words related to work
- Grammar: Verbs – fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs
- Grammar: Prepositions



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. experience	2. intrusive	3. a trial
4. salary	5. mention	6. stage

Definitions:

- a. A test
“We’re having _____ tomorrow and if it’s ok we’ll go ahead.”
- b. Money earned from working
“Her _____ is low; she’s never got any money.”
- c. Knowledge you learn from doing or seeing things
“I have got a lot of _____ in looking after children because I’ve got seven younger sisters!”
- d. A single step in a process
“The first _____ of the game is easy then the later ones get gradually more difficult.”
- e. Coming without an invitation
“My sister is _____. She comes into my room without knocking!”
- f. To refer briefly to something
“Don’t _____ her new glasses! She hates them.”

Audio script

Magda: (talking into phone)
So...ok...hmm...yeah! That's great news!

Olivia: So? Did you get the job?

Magda: Yes!!!

All: Hooray!! Fantastic! Well done!!

Magda: But...

Harry: There's always a 'but'...

Magda: It's only on a trial basis...just for a month.

Harry: Ok, that's pretty normal actually. Most companies do that.

Olivia: But they are paying you, yes?

Magda: Oh yes, the salary isn't bad. It's not an internship.

Harry: I did internships for ages...had to work for a month to get experience – no pay! – and then I never got offered the real job at the end. Like now! I'm doing this work for Johnny's company – they want me to work at weekends too – Saturdays and Sundays – with no extra money!

Olivia: That's terrible!

Harry: I don't know what to do...I want to say 'no', but I'm afraid I'll lose the job...

Olivia: You'll have to think carefully about it!

Magda: Or you'll be trying to do an internship again!!! Only joking! It can be important to do an internship if you want to get experience – things to put on your CV...

Harry: Yeah, I guess you're right, but I'm past that stage...I've got lots of experience now.

Magda: I'm really worried though, about my first day, really nervous. I might be terrible!

Olivia: Don't worry Magda, you'll be great. Show them how good you are in the first month and they'll be offering you more money by the second month!

Magda: Let's hope so!

Harry: What are you going to be doing exactly?

Magda: Well, it's a lot of admin work... But I do get a chance to work with the senior partners on some designs.

Harry: Great...What is it you do again?

Olivia: Harry! How come you always forget this stuff?

Magda: Architecture! I'm an architect! I design buildings!

Harry: Oh yeah, right, of course...

Sarah: She's a good one too, Harry – I've seen some of her drawings. I keep on telling her that she should go to China – there are lots of opportunities there at the moment.

Magda: Maybe, one day. That'd be really interesting...How are you, Sarah?

Sarah: OK...

Harry: How's the new flat?

Sarah: That's the problem...

Olivia: Oh no! You've only just moved in!

Magda: I thought the flat was great...

Sarah: The flat is nice, but the problem is the landlord...

Olivia: Isn't that Fadi's cousin?

Sarah: Yes, exactly...but he's really intrusive.

Magda: Intrusive?

Sarah: He comes round all the time, wants to know everything about me. I think that if I pay rent, that's it, I shouldn't have to tell him anything else.

Olivia: I see...that's not on, is it? Have you mentioned it to Fadi?

Sarah: No, I don't know how to. He was so kind helping me get the place. I don't want to seem rude.

Olivia: Would you like me to have a word with him?

Sarah: Could you? That'd be really great. I'd really appreciate it.

Olivia: I'll say something the next time I see him! Promise!

Comprehension Task

Choose the correct verb in each sentence

1. Magda *got* / *didn't get* the job.
2. The salary *is* / *isn't* good.
3. Harry usually *remembers* / *forgets* people's jobs.
4. Sarah has recently *bought* / *rented* a new flat.
5. Fadi's cousin wants to *talk* / *know* about Sarah.
6. Sarah *receives* / *pays* rent.
7. Olivia *offers* / *refuses* to speak to Fadi.
8. Olivia will *see* / *phone* Fadi.

Vocabulary

Words related to work

Complete the text using the words from the box.

architect	experience
salary	job
CV	work
	company
	opportunities

I'm looking for a new _____¹ as an _____². I'm not happy with the _____³ I _____⁴ for now. They don't value my _____⁵ and they don't offer me any _____⁶. My _____⁷ is not bad but I think I should be _____⁸ more. I am going to send my _____⁹ to a few places and see what happens.

Grammar 1

Verbs

Fill the gaps with a verb from the box. Use the correct form of the verb.

to think	to pay
to move	to get (x2)
to lose	to appreciate
to help	to say
	to see

1. Did you _____ the job?
2. I'm afraid I'll _____ my job if I am late again this week.
3. I've _____ lots of experience in accounting.
4. You'll have to _____ carefully.
5. Are they _____ you a good salary?
6. I've _____ some of her drawings, they're great.
7. You've only just _____ in to your new flat!
8. He was so kind _____ me find a flat.
9. I'd really _____ it if you could help me.
10. I'll _____ something to him when I see him.

Grammar 2

Prepositions

Complete the sentences with an appropriate preposition

1. You are working here _____ a trial basis
2. I need to think carefully _____ it before I give you my answer
3. I have a chance to work _____ the senior partners
4. We are working _____ some designs for a new bridge
5. He comes _____ to my place every day
6. Shall I have a word _____ him?

Answers

Before you listen: 1 - c, 2 - e, 3 - a, 4 - b, 5 - f, 6 - d
Comprehension Task: 1 - got, 2 - is, 3 - forgets, 4 - rented, 5 - know, 6 - pays, 7 - offers, 8 - see
Vocabulary: 1 - job, 2 - architect, 3 - company, 4 - work, 5 - experience, 6 - opportunities, 7 - salary, 8 - earning, 9 - CV
Grammar 1: 1 - get, 2 - lose, 3 - got, 4 - think, 5 - paying, 6 - seen, 7 - moved, 8 - helping, 9 - appreciate, 10 - say
Grammar 2: 1 - on, 2 - about, 3 - with, 4 - on, 5 - round, 6 - with