

Big City Small World Support Pack - Series 2 Episode 4

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Series 2 Episode 4 Save the Café!

Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World - Series 2 Episode 4

This support pack contains the following materials:

- Before you listen
- Audio script
- Comprehension Task
- Vocabulary Task
- Grammar Task



Sarah knows a *secret* about the building in which the café is situated. Will this save the café? Written by Chris Rose.

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 the definitions.

1. article	2. campaign	3. impressive	4. knock down
5. chef	6. roof	7. optimistic	8. corporation

Definitions:

- a. causing a positive impression
- b. to demolish (a building)
- c. a text in a newspaper or magazine
- d. a professional cook in a restaurant
- e. a large company or group of companies
- f. the top, external part of a building
- g. a planned series of events designed to change something
- h. hopeful; believing that good things will happen

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Audio script

Tony: Oi! What are you lot doing? What's that?

Harry: It's a banner...

Tony: A what?

Harry: A banner – look! See what it says...

Tony: Save... our... café... Oh, I see. Very good.

Do you think it'll stop them from closing this

place?

Olivia: Well, you never know. Every little bit helps.

Tony: Hmm. I'm not sure having that thing stuck

to the front of my café will change anything.

Bindyu: Oh yes it will, Tony – be positive! My friend

from the local newspaper is coming to take a photograph, and I'm going to write an

article!

Tony: Hmm... Great.

Olivia: Look Tony – it's the only thing we can do!

We can organise a campaign here, and at the same time Sarah's doing some work as

well...

Magda: Wow! Look at that banner! Very

impressive!

Olivia: Hi Magda!

Magda: Hello everyone!

Olivia: So, go on then, have you decided to take

the job?

Magda: Yeah... I have to accept the job... I mean, I

really want to... it's a good job, and good jobs in architecture are difficult to get... and

I need the money!

Olivia: Sure. I understand...

Magda: Johnny's old flat, where me and Sarah

live... it's great but it's so expensive...

Olivia: But you can help us...

Harry: Yeah, if you work for the company who

want to knock down Tony's café and Olivia's shop, you can do something!

Magda: Well, I'm not sure... but I'll see...

Carlos: Hello everyone!

All: Hi Carlos!

Carlos: Is Sarah here today?

Magda: Er, not yet... but she said she'd be here

soon...

Carlos: Oh. OK, I'll wait for her. Is it OK if I sit here?

Magda: Sure...

Olivia: Come and join us!

Magda: So, is it true you're a chef?

Carlos: Not exactly... I'd like to be a chef, that's

what I want to do, but at the moment I'm a

caterer... it's different...

Magda: What's a caterer?

Carlos: A caterer makes food for lots of people - I

make all the lunches for the people who work on the building site next door. It's just sandwiches or soup, or other simple things. It's quite boring – I like more of a challenge!

Olivia: Here she is!

Sarah: Hello everyone! Hello Carlos!

Carlos: Hi Sarah! Good to see you again...

Olivia: Carlos was just telling us all about his job...

Sarah: You're a chef, aren't you?

Carlos: No... but I want to be!

Sarah: Where are you from?

Carlos: I'm from Brazil! Even if no one believes

me..

Sarah: Why don't people think you're from Brazil?

Carlos: I don't like football, and I can't dance...

Sarah: Listen, though – we've got an important job

to do... we have to save this café, and

Olivia's shop!

Olivia: That's right...

Carlos: But how?

Harry: I've put up the banner...

Bindyu: And I'm writing an article for the local

paper...

Sarah: Great... and I've found out something very

interesting...

Olivia: Oh? What's that?

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Sarah: Well, you know I have a friend who works at

the local museum – I love going to museums and art galleries, Carlos – and she told me something that could be

important...

Olivia: Go on...

Sarah: These buildings - the café and your shop -

are actually a lot older than many people

think...

Olivia: Really?

Sarah: Yes. They're probably two hundred years

old...

Olivia: Tony! Did you hear that?

Tony: What?

Olivia: Sarah has found out that the café and my

shop are really very old buildings...

Tony: That's why I've got a problem with the roof,

then...

Harry: It means they can't possibly knock down

these buildings!

Sarah: Right. They have historical value.

Tony: It won't stop them.

Olivia: Oh Tony, you must be more optimistic! Try

looking on the positive side!

Tony: I can't see a "positive side"...

Bindyu: We'll make a great campaign – it'll show

how people can stop big corporations from

doing what they want!

Olivia: Let's hope so...

All: Yeah...

Comprehension Task

Multiple Choice

Listen to the episode and answer the questions. Which characters are the questions referring to? Tony, Olivia, Bindyu, Sarah, Magda or Carlos?

- 1. Who tells Tony to be optimistic?
- 2. Who is going to work for the company which is building the flats?
- 3. Who shares a flat with Magda?
- 4. Who wants to be a chef?
- 5. Who is writing an article for the local newspaper?
- 6. Who has a friend working at the museum?
- 7. Who is pessimistic?
- 8. Who has a roof problem?

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Vocabulary Task

Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword with opposites of the clues.

Across

- 5. Positive
- 7. Difficult
- 9. Interesting
- 11. Accept
- 12. Stop
- 13. Little
- 14. Good

Down

- 1. Friend
- 2. Love
- 3. Similar
- 4. Old
- 6. Front
- 8. Important
- 10. Right

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Grammar Task

Gap Fill

Fill the gaps with the correct verb forms. Use the same verb forms that the characters in this episode of Big City Small World used.

1.	See what it (to say)
2.	Every little bit (to help)
3.	Well, I'm not sure but I (to see)
4.	At the same time Sarah some work as well. (to do)
5.	Is it ok if I here? (to sit)
6.	Have you decided the job? (to take)
7.	She me something that could be important. (to tell)
8.	It'll show how people can big corporations from what they want! (to stop; to do)

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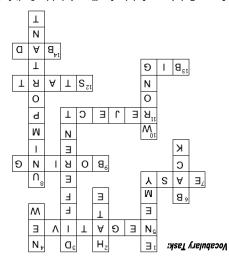


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Answers

Grammar Task: 1 - says, 2 - helps, 3 - will see, 4 - is doing, 5 - sit, 6 - to take, 7 - told, 8 - stop / doing



Before you listen: 1 – c, 2 – g, 3 – s, 4 – b, 5 – d, 6 – f, 7 – h, 8 – e Comprehension Task: 1 – Bindyu, 2 – Magda, 3 – Sarah, 4 – Carlos, 5 – Bindyu, 6 – Sarah, 7 – Tony, 8 – Tony Comprehension Task: 1 – Bindyu, 2 – Magda, 3 – Sarah, 4 – Carlos, 5 – Bindyu, 6 – Sarah, 7 – Tony, 8 – Tony

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