



Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 3 Episode 12

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This support pack contains the following materials:

1. Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
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4. Grammar Task 1
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6. Vocabulary Task

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.

a) brave (adj.)	b) to doubt something (v.)	c) a spoilsport (n.)
d) to interrupt (v.)	e) to guess (v.)	f) blimey (exclamation)

Definitions:

1. Not to know if something is true
2. To speak while another person is speaking
3. An exclamation of surprise
4. To try to understand what something means without knowing
5. A person who spoils the fun
6. Courageous; not afraid.

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Transcript

Fadi: Are you ready then, mate?

Harry: Guess so. Ready as I'll ever be.

Johnny: Got the ring and everything?

Harry: Yep.

Fadi: Blimey. You're a brave boy!

Johnny: It'll be your turn next, Fadi!

Fadi: I doubt it. Very much.

Johnny: Look, here she comes now!

Harry: Oh no! She's with all the others!

Fadi: You'll have to get her alone.

Olivia/Sarah/Bindyu/Magda: Hi, boys! Hello there!

Fadi/Harry/Johnny: Oh, erm, hello.

Olivia: What's up? What's going on?

Harry: Oh, erm, nothing ...

Olivia: Don't believe you!

Johnny: Olivia! Pssst! Harry's going to pop the question!

Olivia: Pop the what?

Johnny: The question! He's going to ask Bindyu to marry him!

Olivia: I know what it means, stupid! I'm just surprised!

Fadi: Are you ready, Harry?

Harry: I can't do it! I'm not going to ask her now! Not in the café! I'm going to wait for a quiet, romantic moment, when we're alone together.

Fadi: Oh! Spoilsport! We wanted to watch.

Olivia: So, Bindyu – did you know this was happening?

Bindyu: What?

Olivia: Oh ... I'm sorry – I thought it was planned

Bindyu: Thought what was planned? What are you talking about?

Olivia: Oh dear – I think I've put my foot in it.

Magda: Put your foot in what?

Olivia: Made a mistake, Magda.

Magda: Oh dear! Why?

Harry: Oh no. I'll have to do it now!

Harry: Well, Bindyu, I've got something to ask you ...

Carlos: Hello, everyone! I've got some big news!

Johnny: Can't it wait?

Carlos: Er ... erm ... well ... No! Finally, I'm opening my own restaurant!

Harry: Great!

Carlos: So, what am I interrupting?

Bindyu: I don't know yet.

Harry: Oh ... er ... erm ... Bindyu? Will you marry me?

Bindyu: Ahhh! I wasn't expecting that!

Harry: You weren't? Oh! I thought you'd guessed!

Bindyu: No way.

Harry: Oh.

Olivia: So what's the answer?

Fadi: Yeah – come on!

Bindyu: Oh ... I ... er ... I'm ... well ... not ... oh! Yes!

All: Hooray!

Harry: Phew! You had me worried there.

Carlos: So, Sarah ... Seeing as I've got my own restaurant now, I was wondering – shall we give it another go?

Sarah: Of course! I've missed being with you – and now, I'm so pleased you've got your own business.

Fadi: I've got my own business too – "FindLondon" is doing really well!

Olivia: And me – my shoe shop!

Fadi: Perhaps we should go out some time?

Olivia: I think you've asked me that before!

Comprehension Task 1

Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

Bindyu Olivia Carlos Fadi Harry Sarah

- 1 is going to ask somebody to marry him.
- 2 doesn't think he will be in this situation soon.
- 3 Olivia asks if she had known this was going to happen.
- 4 is opening his own restaurant.
- 5 agrees to go out with Carlos again.
- 6 Fadi asks to go out with him.

Grammar Task 1

Look at this sentence from the audio.

*I'm sorry – I thought it **was planned***

We form the passive with the verb **to be** in the right tense and the **past participle**.

Choose the correct word or words in the sentences.

1. A lot of money *is/are* made.
2. The meal was *cooked/cooking* by Carlos.
3. The wedding will be *organise/organised* by her family.
4. That book *was/is* written in 1900.
5. They are *known/know* for their generosity.
6. The temple has been *build/built* in record time.

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Grammar Task 2

Can you complete these sentences using the passive of the verb in brackets? Pay attention to the tense!

The wedding _____ by Bindyu's parents. (will organise)

Harry _____ by Carlos. (interrupted)

A lot of money _____ in FindLondon. (has invested)

The answer _____ by only one person. (guessed)

The café _____ by Tony. (owns)

Big City Small World _____ by Chris Rose. (wrote)

Vocabulary Task

Find adjectives in the puzzle with the same meaning as the adjectives below. All the puzzle words are used in the conversation.

Y	G	C	A	T	W	H	Z	N	I
M	D	F	E	E	O	C	J	F	P
M	C	I	A	Q	L	C	V	L	L
D	U	Y	V	R	E	A	D	Y	E
Q	D	E	N	N	A	L	P	Y	A
I	Y	I	C	X	B	D	M	E	S
Z	E	V	A	R	B	F	F	N	E
R	E	J	D	L	F	Y	J	O	D
D	E	I	R	R	O	W	S	L	I
U	V	L	G	Q	U	U	W	A	Y

peaceful

prepared

happy

unaccompanied

concerned

courageous

organised

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Answers

Pre-listening:

1. b; 2. d; 3. f; 4. e; 5. c; 6. a

Comprehension Task:

1. Harry; 2. Fadi; 3. Bindyu; 4. Carlos; 5. Sarah; 6. Olivia

Grammar Task 1:

1. is; 2. cooked; 3. organised; 4. was; 5. known; 6. built

Grammar Task 2:

1. will be organised; 2. was interrupted; 3. has been invested; 4. was guessed; 5. is owned; 6. was written

Vocabulary Task:

Y	G	C	A	T	W	H	Z	N	I
M	D	F	E	E	O	C	J	F	P
M	C	I	A	Q	L	C	V	L	L
D	U	Y	V	R	E	A	D	Y	E
Q	D	E	N	A	L	P	Y	A	S
I	Y	I	C	X	B	D	M	E	E
Z	E	V	A	R	B	F	F	N	E
R	E	J	D	L	F	Y	J	O	D
D	E	I	R	R	O	W	S	L	I
U	V	L	G	Q	U	U	W	A	Y

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