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#### Big City Small World S3 E5 - Environmental Issues



#### Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World - Series 3 Episode 5

To listen to the recording, go to:

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This support pack contains the following materials:

- 1. Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
- 2. Audio script
- 3. Comprehension Task
- 4. Comprehension Task 2: Match the Speakers
- 5. Vocabulary Task: Wordsearch
- **Grammar: Question Forms** 6.

#### 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) to take over (phrasal v.)	<ul><li>b) to get around (phrasal v.)</li></ul>	c) lazy (adj.)	
d) pitch (n.)	e) traffic (n.)	f) the tube (n.)	
Definitions:  1. Move from place to place.		9/5	

#### **Definitions:**

- 1. Move from place to place.
- 2. To take control of something.
- 3. The London underground/subway system.
- 4. Cars and other vehicles on the road.
- 5. Not wanting to do any work.
- 6. The field where football is played.

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#### **Transcript**

Harry: Hey there!

Olivia: Hi, Harry, come and have a seat!

**Harry**: OK – I'll just get a coffee. Hang on ...

Where's Tony?

Magda: He's off sick.

**Olivia**: And you'll notice that there's a new chef

in here!

**Harry**: Carlos! What's he doing working here?

Magda: He's taken over while Tony's away.

Harry: Well, good on him – he's always wanted his own restaurant! I guess this café will have to do for now.

Olivia: Yeah. It's good experience for him!

Harry: Carlos! Hey, Carlos! Could I have a

coffee, mate?

Harry: Carlos? Hello!? ... Well, I hope he's a good chef, because he's a terrible waiter!

Olivia: Oh, go on. Give him a break!

Magda: Yeah – it's really busy in here right now. Magda: That's true. That's why I get the tube or

Be patient!

**Harry**: Busy? Yeah – tell me about it!

Everywhere is today – I couldn't find anywhere to park my car. I had to leave it miles away.

Olivia: Park your car? I thought you took your

bike everywhere!

Harry: Well, I used to, but sometimes it's just

easier to drive, isn't it?

Magda: Lazy!

**Harry**: I'm not lazy! I do lots of sport – play

football every week.

Olivia: Do you drive to the football pitch?

Harry: Erm, yeah ... Usually ...

Olivia: You should use your bike more often. It's

better for you, and for the environment!

Johnny: Hello, all! Hey, is that Carlos behind the

counter?

All: Yes, it is.

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Johnny: What's he doing there?

Olivia: Long story!

Johnny: Blimey ... Have you seen the traffic out

there?

Olivia: Not you as well?!

**Johnny**: Me what?

Olivia: Driving!

**Johnny**: Of course I drive. How else would I get

around?

Magda: I always use public transport. It's very good here in London, even if it's quite expensive.

Olivia: Not as expensive as a car.

Harry: That's true.

Olivia: You should all cycle more!

Johnny: I'm not cycling. It's tiring, and

dangerous!

**Harry**: And the weather here is terrible – cycling

in the rain isn't any fun!

the bus.

Olivia: Well, I think you should all think about

your health and the future of the planet!

Harry: Yeah, yeah, yeah ... whatever ...

Olivia: It's important! Cars make so much

pollution!

Magda: Yeah – Olivia's right!

**Johnny**: Scientists are finding ways to stop

pollution – that's their job.

Olivia: Maybe, but we should all help to help the

planet!

**Harry**: I don't know about the planet. I just think

right now we should try to help Carlos!

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Carlos

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#### **Comprehension Task 1**

Decide whether these statements are true or false.

- 1. Tony isn't at work because he is ill.
- 2. Harry has cycled in to the café.
- 3. Harry plays football every day.
- 4. Johnny drives everywhere.
- 5. Magda thinks the public transport in London is good.
- 6. Johnny thinks cycling is safe in London.
- 7. Olivia is concerned about the planet.
- 8. Carlos is not very busy.

#### **Comprehension Task 2**

Magda

What are they thinking? Listen again, and see if you can match the thoughts with the characters who are thinking them.

Johnny

Harry

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	Magda	Harry	Johnny	Olivia		
1.	: "Phew! I'm	really busy!"	0.			
2.	: "Public tra	nsport in London is a bit	expensive but very goo	d!"		
3.	: "I think saving the planet is really important – I wish people would try harder!"					
4.	: "I could us	: "I could use my bike to go to football but driving to the pitch is much easier."				
5.	: "I don't wa	ant to cycle – it's dangerou	us!"			
6.	: "I wish Lo	ndon had more parking sp	paces."			
7.	: "I like taki	ng the bus or tube becaus	se the weather in Londo	on is so bad."		
8.	: "It's not m	y job to stop pollution – I'I	I leave it to scientists."	9//		



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#### **Vocabulary Task**

What vehicles do these definitions describ	be?						
<ol> <li>A vehicle with two wheels and no engine:</li> <li>A car with a driver whom you pay to take you somewhere:</li> <li>A two wheeled vehicle with an engine:</li> <li>A large passenger vehicle with many seats which travels in the city:</li> <li>A large passenger vehicle with many seats which travels long distances on the road:</li> </ol>							
	6. A vehicle which has wings for air travel:						
	7. A train system which works in the city, often underground:						
o. A verilide which travels of fails, of	8. A vehicle which travels on rails, often between cities:						
Grammar Task							
Choose the best verb form.							
You may need the base verb, used on its	own or with <b>will</b> or <b>should</b> .						
You may need <b>verb-ing</b> , used as a noun or to complete a verb form like the present continuous.							
You may need to + verb, used after some verbs.							
1. I'll just a coffee.	(O):						
a) get	b) getting	c) to get					
2. What's he doing here?							
a) work	b) working	c) to work					
3. I guess this café will have for now.							
a) do	b) doing	c) to do					
4. I couldn't find anywhere my car.							
a) park	b) parking	c) to park					
5. You should all more!							
a) cycle	b) cycling	c) to cycle					
6. I always public transport.							
a) use	b) using	c) to use					
7 in the rain isn't any fun!							
a) cycle	b) cycling	c) to cycle					
8. Scientists are ways to stop pollution.							
a) find	b) finding	c) to find					

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## Answers

b; 2. a; 3. f; 4. e; 5. e; 6.

# Comprehension Task 1:

F; 3. F; 4. T; 5. T; 6. F; 7.

# Comprehension Task 2:

1. Carlos; 2. Magda; 3. Olivia; 4. Harry; 5. Johnny; 6. Harry; 7. Magda; 8. Johnny

## Vocabulary:

www.prittishconncil.ocolleannendi. (sep. 3. (des. ) 5. Coach; 6. Aeroplane (plane); 1. Bike (bicycle); 2. Taxi (cab); 3. Motorcycle (or scooter); 4. Bus;

## Grammar:

Subway; 8. Train

a; 7. a; 6. b; 3. c; 4. c; 5. 2 م ю, ю. <del>ب</del> ..

Pre-listening: