

Introduction

This support pack accompanies the audio soap opera 'Big City Small World'. To listen to this episode, go to:

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/big-city-small-world/series-1-episode-1-meeting-friends>

<p>This support pack contains the following materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a pre-listening vocabulary activity; the transcript of the episode; two comprehension activities; two language activities 	<p>“Nice to meet you”</p> 
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Before you listen

Exercise 01

Match the words in the table to their definitions.

a. actually	b. anywhere	c. both	d. chance
e. complicated	f. counter	g. to interrupt	h. whatever

1. in any place
2. a flat surface in a shop or café where people are served
3. anything or everything
4. in fact, really
5. luck
6. to stop a person from speaking by saying or doing something
7. two people or things together
8. involving a lot of parts in a way that is difficult to understand

Transcript

Johnny: Hello! Hello? Excuse me! Excuse me?
 Olivia: Just sit down anywhere – they don't have waiters in here!
 Johnny: Oh, ok, is it ok if I sit here?
 Olivia: Sure...but you'll need to go to the counter if you want anything...
 Johnny: Actually, I'm not really here to eat, or anything. I'm supposed to be meeting someone.
 Olivia: Well, wait here long enough, most of London will come in...
 Johnny: Sorry?
 Olivia: Just joking.
 Sarah: Excuse me, is anybody sitting here?
 Olivia: I can't see anyone!
 Sarah: Sorry?

Olivia: Just joking. Go ahead, sit down.
 Sarah: Thanks.
 Olivia: You might be waiting a while if you sit here.
 Sarah: Sorry?
 Olivia: There are no waiters here – people usually just go up to the counter and order whatever they want.
 Sarah: Oh...well...I'm just supposed to be meeting someone here actually...
 Olivia: Not him, by any chance?
 Sarah: Who?
 Olivia: This guy here!
 Johnny: Hello!
 Sarah: Oh. No...

Johnny: No...I am waiting to meet someone...but not you! Where are you from, anyway?

Sarah: Well, I live in London now, but I'm originally from Shanghai.

Johnny: Thought so! I'm from Hong Kong.

Olivia: Sorry to interrupt...but who are you both waiting for?

Johnny: I'm waiting for my friend Harry...

Sarah: ...and I'm waiting for my friend Magda...

Olivia: How interesting!

Johnny: Erm...why's that interesting?

Olivia: Because Harry and Magda are both friends of mine as well, and right now I'm waiting for both of them too...and here they are!

All: Hello

Olivia: Let's make this easier - I'm Olivia!

Johnny: I'm Johnny. I'm a friend of...

Harry: ...mine. He's a friend of mine. I'm Harry.

Sarah: Ok! I'm Sarah, and I'm a friend of...

Magda: ...mine! I'm Magda. Nice to meet you!

Olivia: This is complicated, isn't it? Shall I get some tea? I think we'll need a big pot, this might take some time. So, how do we all know each other..?

After listening

Exercise 02

Put these events in the correct order

1. Johnny greets Sarah.
2. Harry and Magda arrive.
3. Johnny asks if he can sit at Olivia's table.
4. Olivia suggests ordering some tea.
5. Sarah arrives.
6. Olivia is surprised to learn that Harry and Magda are coming to the café.
7. Olivia tells Johnny that it's a self-service café.
8. Johnny mentions his friend Harry.

Exercise 03

Decide whether these statements are true or false

1. The café is a popular place.
2. Sarah is a friend of Olivia's.
3. Sarah is waiting for Harry.
4. Johnny is from Shanghai.
5. Olivia knows Harry and Magda.
6. Olivia introduces herself.

Exercise 04

Fill the gaps with **someone** or **anyone**

1. I'm supposed to be meeting
2. Is sitting here?
3. I can't see
4. We use "....." in affirmative sentences.
5. We use "....." for negatives and questions.

Note! *Somebody and anybody are synonyms of someone and anyone!*

Exercise 05

Choose the correct option; a, b or c.

1. I need to the bank.
a to go **b** go **c** going
2. She's supposed arriving tomorrow.
a be **b** to be **c** being
3. We're waiting Julia.
a to meet **b** meet **c** for meeting
4. Shall I some drinks?
a to get **b** getting **c** get
5. He's waiting for
a both them **b** the both of them **c** both of them
6. Where are you?
a both of living **b** both living **c** living both
7. People go to that café.
a usually **b** are used **c** are usually
8. Let's make the situation
a easier **b** easier **c** more easy

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Answers**Exercise 01**

1. b; 2. f; 3. h; 4. a; 5. d; 6. g; 7. c; 8. e

Exercise 02

3. Johnny asks if he can sit at Olivia's table; 7. Olivia tells Johnny that it's a self-service café; 5. Sarah arrives; 1. Johnny greets Sarah; 8. Johnny mentions his friend Harry; 6. Olivia is surprised to learn that Harry and Magda are coming to the café; 2. Harry and Magda arrive; 4. Olivia suggests ordering some tea

Exercise 03

1. True; 2. False (they haven't met before); 3. False (She's waiting for Magda); 4. False (He's from Hong Kong); 5. True; 6. True

Exercise 04

1. someone; 2. anyone; 3. anyone; 4. someone; 5. anyone

Exercise 05

1. a; 2. b; 3. a; 4. c; 5. c; 6. b; 7. a; 8. a