

Introduction

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

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This support pack contains the following materials:

- a pre-listening vocabulary activity;
- the transcript of the episode;
- two comprehension activities;
- two language activities

"I've been kicked out"



Before you listen

Exercise 01

Match the words and phrases at the top to their definitions.

a. hang on	b. harm
c. I'm up for it!	d. jobs page
e. keep ahead of the game	f. maintenance
g. take into account	h. upgrade

1. a section of the newspaper where jobs are advertised
2. this is a colloquial expression asking someone to wait
3. to consider or remember when judging a situation
4. to hurt someone or damage something
5. to know more about the most recent developments in something than other people
6. to replace existing software with a newer version
7. upkeep of something to keep it in good condition
8. willing and able to do or take part in an activity

Transcript

Olivia: Hi there Harry!

Harry: Hello Olivia. How's it going?

Olivia: Not bad...what are you reading?

Harry: Just checking the jobs page of the local newspaper...

Olivia: More? I thought you already had too many job offers to choose from...

Harry: Well, I have...but there's no harm in looking, is there?

Olivia: Suppose not.

Harry: You've got to know what's going on...

Magda: Keep ahead of the game!

Harry: Exactly!

Magda: I think the internet is a better place to look for jobs, though...

Harry: You're probably right, but I spend all day sitting in front of computers. It's nice to have a change every now and then. So, Olivia, any more thoughts on what we talked about... your website?

Olivia: Yeah...well...like I said, I'd love you to do it!

Harry: Great – I’d love to do it. Now then, normally, for a job like that, I’d ask about a grand...

Olivia: A grand!

Magda: What’s a “grand”??

Olivia: A thousand pounds.

Magda: Phew! That sounds like a lot...

Olivia: It is!

Harry: It isn’t really...that’s what these things cost now...if you take into account the work I’ll have to put into it, and all my time...

Olivia: Maybe...

Harry: But anyway, because we’re friends, I’ll do it for say, seven fifty...?

Olivia: Seven hundred and fifty...hmm...well...can you let me think about that? I’ll get back to you in a day or two.

Harry: Sure! No probs!

Fadi: Hi

All: Hi there!

Fadi: Hang on, I’ll just get a coffee and then I’ll be with you.....ok, cheers! So, how’s it going?

All: Good...fine...not bad!

Fadi: Harry – thought any more about that offer?

Harry: Sure, yeah... I’m up for it! I’ll do it, no problems.

Fadi: Great, we really need it. What kind of costs are we looking at?

Harry: Well, the basic package will be fifteen hundred...

Fadi: Hmmmm....

Harry: Then for upgrades and maintenance, well, up to two five...

Fadi: Two thousand five hundred quid?

Magda: Quid?

Olivia: Pounds.

Fadi: You don’t come cheap, do you Harry?

Harry: I’m good at my job.

Fadi: I’ll have to have a word with my uncle...see if I can clear it with him. I’ll get back to you.

All: Hi there!

Olivia: What’s up Sarah?

Sarah: Just had some bad news...

Magda: Oh no! What’s the matter?

Sarah: I’ve just been kicked out of my flat!

All: Oh no!

Magda: Kicked out?

Olivia: She has to leave...find another place to live...

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After listening

Exercise 02

Decide if the following statements are true or false.

1. Harry needs a new job
2. Olivia thinks Harry is asking for too much money
3. Fadi brings his coffee to the table
4. Fadi is going to ask his father about Harry’s offer
5. Olivia knows what “quid” and “grand” mean
6. Sarah wants to leave her flat

Exercise 03

Match a word from the table with a word below to make six common collocations.

a. news	b. newspaper	c. offer
d. on	e. package	f. probs (problems)

1. bad
2. basic
3. hang
4. job
5. local
6. no

Exercise 04

Fill the gaps in the sentences with a preposition from the table.

on	in	ahead	for	into	back	at	from
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1. There are too many job offers to choose
2. There's no harm looking
3. You've got to know what's going
4. It's a better place to look jobs
5. You have to take account the extra work
6. I'm good my job
7. Let me think about it and get to you later
8. It's important to keep of the game

Exercise 05

Choose the correct verb form.

1. How is it

a going b to go c go

2. It's a better place for jobs

a for looking b to look c look

3. I spend all day at my desk

a sitting b to sit c sit

4. Can you let me about that for a few minutes?

a to think b thinking c think

5. I kicked out of my flat

a have just being b just have been c have just been

6. She leave her flat next week

a must to b has to c have to

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Answers**Exercise 01**

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

Exercise 02

1. *False*; 2. *True*; 3. *False*; 4. *False*; 5. *True*; 6. *False*

Exercise 03

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

Exercise 04

1. *from*; 2. *in*; 3. *on*; 4. *for*; 5. *into*; 6. *at*; 7. *back*; 8. *ahead*

Exercise 05

1. *a*; 2. *b*; 3. *a*; 4. *c*; 5. *c*; 6. *b*

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