

B1 ENGLISH

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Big City Small World S3 E7 – Dumped!



Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 3 Episode 7

To listen to the recording, go to:

This support pack contains the following materials:

1. Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
2. Audio script
3. Comprehension Task 1
4. Comprehension Task 2
5. Vocabulary Task
6. Grammar 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) Dump someone (v.)	b) See each other (v.)	c) Proper (adj.)
d) A couple (n.)	e) Capital (n.)	f) Take it easy (expression)

Definitions:

1. Two or three
2. Be calm
3. Date
4. Stop dating someone
5. Money to invest
6. Correct

Big City Small World S3 E7 – Dumped!**Transcript**

Carlos: Listen, Sarah, I just don't get what the problem is! I'm only helping out here in the café, it'll only be for a bit, Tony'll be back next week.

Sarah: I just thought you wanted more than to make sandwiches in a little café.

Carlos: It's quite a nice café!

Sarah: Well, yeah, I know it is, I mean it's a good place for us all to meet up and hang out, but, well, you know ... I thought you wanted to own a proper restaurant.

Carlos: I do!

Sarah: And when's that going to happen?

Carlos: I ... I don't really know ... when I've got enough money.

Sarah: And when will that be?

Carlos: Don't really know ... soon – I hope!

Sarah: Well, let me know when it happens!

Carlos: Sarah – I'm not sure what you mean.

Sarah: I just, I just think perhaps we should take it easy for a bit, maybe stop seeing each other for a while.

Carlos: Oh. Well ... OK ... I guess ... Whatever.

Sarah: Bye now ... I'll see you around, OK?

Fadi: Hi, Carlos!

Carlos: Hello there.

Fadi: What's up, mate?

Carlos: Oh ... Nothing.

Fadi: Don't believe you. Go on!

Carlos: I'm just a bit fed up of working here.

Fadi: Well, Tony's back next week, isn't he?

Carlos: Yeah. That's not all.

Fadi: What else?

Carlos: Sarah doesn't want to go out with me any more.

Fadi: Oh. Sorry to hear that ... Well, never mind. Perhaps you'll make it up.

Carlos: Yeah. Maybe. Hope so.

Fadi: Olivia! Hi! Just the girl I wanted to see!

Olivia: Why's that?

Fadi: Well, a couple of reasons ...

Olivia: Go on.

Fadi: First, you know the business me and Harry and Johnny are starting?

Olivia: "FindLondon"? The tourist help service?

Fadi: Yeah, that's it. Well, we need some more capital. I wondered if you wanted to be in on it.

Olivia: Thanks, but no thanks! Like I already said, Fadi, I've got enough to do running my own business!

Fadi: OK, fair enough.

Olivia: What was the other thing?

Fadi: Oh, yeah. I was wondering if you wanted to come out on Friday night? Go see a movie, go for a drink maybe ...

Olivia: Oh ... Thanks, Fadi, but it'll have to be a no on that one too – I'm looking after Joe on Friday.

Fadi: Joe, your nephew? Oh. He's always around, isn't he?

Olivia: Family is important, Fadi!

Fadi: You sound like my dad. Listen, you do want us to carry on seeing each other, don't you?

Olivia: Yeah ... But nothing serious, eh? Let's just keep it casual.

Fadi: OK ... Hey, Carlos! I think that's two of us!

Big City Small World S3 E7 – Dumped!

Comprehension Task 1

Who thinks or says these things? Write the name of the characters!

Tony Sarah Fadi Johnny Carlos Olivia

- 1 "I'm only working in the café for a while."
- 2 "I'm annoyed with Carlos for not being more ambitious."
- 3 "I'm returning to work next week."
- 4 "Will Olivia go out on a date with me?"
- 5 "I've invested money in Fadi's new business venture."
- 6 "I'm babysitting on Friday night."

Comprehension Task 2

Complete the summary using the words below.

café	café	dumped	capital
fed up	date	breaks up	wrong

Sarah and Carlos are talking about Carlos's job at the _____. Sarah doesn't like him working there because she thought he wanted to open his own _____. As a result, she _____ with him. Fadi comes into the café, and notices Carlos is _____. He asks him what's _____, and Carlos tells him Sarah has dumped him. Olivia then arrives, and Fadi asks her if she wants to give him some _____ for his tourist business. Olivia isn't interested, and also turns Fadi down when he asks her out on a _____. Fadi thinks that, like Carlos, he has been _____.

Grammar Task

Look at these two sentences and complete the grammar rule with the words in the box.

I have got enough money to invest in the business.

He is good enough to work as a professional chef.

before after

We use enough (a) nouns but (b) adjectives.

Now order the words to make sentences.

- 1 there everyone enough Are chairs for ?
- 2 cake I got time haven't to make a enough .
- 3 good me It isn't enough for .
- 4 for him isn't enough The challenging job .
- 5 for meal have to money pay the got enough I .
- 6 warm you enough Are ?

Vocabulary Task

Complete the sentences using a preposition from the box.

out out back in around on up up

- 1 I'm only helping here in the café.
- 2 It's a good place for us all to hang
- 3 I'll see you, OK?
- 4 What's, mate?
- 5 I wondered if you wanted to be on it.
- 6 You do want us to carry seeing each other, don't you?
- 7 I was wondering if you wanted to meet on Friday night?
- 8 Tony'll be next week.

Big City Small World S3 E8 – Speculate to Accumulate!



Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 3 Episode 8

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1. Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
2. Audio script
3. Comprehension Task
4. Grammar Task 1
5. Grammar Task 2
6. Vocabulary

Before you listen

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Match the words and phrases in the boxes to their definitions.

a) Initial (adj.)	b) Publicity (n.)	c) Invest (v.)
d) Accumulate (v.)	e) Speculate (v)	f) In the meantime (n.)

Definitions:

1. Until something happens
2. To pay money into something in order to make more money
3. Invest money in a possibly risky business opportunity
4. Advertising
5. To gradually increase your amount or number of something
6. First, starting

Big City Small World S3 E8 – Speculate to Accumulate!**Transcript**

All: Hooray! Welcome back, Tony!

Tony: Erm, cheers, thanks.

Magda: How are you feeling?

Tony: Much better, thanks. All well now.

Johnny: Good to hear!

Harry: Carlos will be happy! He doesn't have to work here any more ...

Tony: Actually ...

Carlos: Yeah?

Tony: I was wondering, sometimes it's useful to have an assistant, you know, someone to help out from time to time ...

Carlos: Sure.

Tony: So, would you like to stay on for a bit?

Carlos: Just part-time?

Tony: Just part-time, yeah.

Carlos: Well, you know that really I want to open my own restaurant.

Tony: Yeah ... Well, this will give you good experience!

Carlos: I guess so. Why not? Sure!

Tony: Great! Thanks, Carlos!

Olivia: That is the first time I've ever heard Tony say "thanks" to anyone!

Harry: So, Fadi, how's our business coming along?

Johnny: Yeah – are we millionaires yet?

Fadi: Erm ... Well, I've got a bit of news for you there ...

Harry: Doesn't sound good.

Johnny: What's going on?

Fadi: Well, I've had a bit of a problem raising the initial capital ...

Harry: So we can't start?

Fadi: Well, not exactly ... I mean, I have invested – that is, spent – some of the money already.

Johnny: What on?

Fadi: Publicity, setting up the website, you know – important things!

Harry: But ...?

Fadi: Well – it's business, isn't it? If we don't get more money, we can't go on ...

Johnny: And in the meantime you've spent the money we gave you to invest!

Fadi: You've got to speculate to accumulate! Be patient – we'll still be successful!

Harry: If we don't, I'll be joining Carlos working in this café!

Comprehension Task 1

Decide whether these sentences are true or false.

1. Tony has returned to work.
2. Carlos is not going to work at the café any more.
3. Tony doesn't often say thank you.
4. Fadi has raised enough capital for the business.
5. Johnny and Harry are worried about the business venture.
6. Fadi is confident that things will work out all right.

Grammar Task 1

Reported Speech. Look at these reported questions and decide which is correct. Remember that reported speech questions don't use the word order for questions and usually use past tense!

- 1a Magda asked Tony how was he feeling.
- 1b Magda asked Tony how he was feeling.
- 2a Tony asked Carlos if he wants to continue working at the café.
- 2b Tony asked Carlos if he wanted to continue working at the café.
- 3a Harry asked Fadi how his business is coming along.
- 3b Harry asked Fadi how his business was coming along.
- 4a Johnny asked Fadi if they would be millionaires yet.
- 4b Johnny asked Fadi if they were millionaires yet.
- 5a Harry asked Fadi if they could start the business.
- 5b Harry asked Fadi if could they start the business.
- 6a Johnny asked Fadi what was going on.
- 6b Johnny asked Fadi what is going on.

Big City Small World S3 E8 – Speculate to Accumulate!**Grammar Task 2**

Correct the mistakes in these reported questions. Look back at Grammar Task 1 for help!

1. Magda asked Tony how was he feeling.
2. Harry asked Fadi how his business is coming along.
3. Tony asked Carlos if he wants to continue working at the café.
4. Johnny asked Fadi if they would be millionaires yet.
5. Johnny asked Fadi what is going on.
6. Harry asked Fadi if could they start the business.

Vocabulary Task

Financial language – can you unscramble these words to do with business and money?

1. ccaumlutea Gradually increase the amount of money you have:
2. stevin Put money into a business:
3. clseputea Make a risky investment:
4. tvesintmen Noun meaning the money you put into a business:
5. lctubpiiy The things you do to make people aware of your business:
6. seari Get money for a business:
7. cltpaia Money or valuable things used to support a business:
8. ilmioraniel Someone very rich:

Big City Small World S3 E9 – Saving the Business?



Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Big City Small World – Series 3 Episode 9

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1. Before you listen: Vocabulary match up
2. Audio script
3. Comprehension Task 1
4. Comprehension Task 2
5. Grammar Task
6. Vocabulary Task

Before you listen

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Match the words and phrases in the boxes to their definitions.

a) to secure (v.)	b) to owe (v.)	c) 'fraid not
d) proper (adj.)	e) necessary (adj.)	f) actually (adv.)

Definitions:

1. I'm afraid not, meaning I'm sorry, but no
2. To have a debt with somebody
3. To make something safe
4. Needed
5. Really
6. Serious; correct

Big City Small World S3 E9 – Saving the Business?

Transcript

Harry: Hi there! Have you seen Fadi?

on a major moneymaking opportunity.

Olivia: 'Fraid not, not today anyway.

Harry: How did you save the company?

Johnny: Hi there! Has anyone seen Fadi today?

Fadi: Erm, my uncle, actually. He's pretty rich. And he thought "FindLondon" tourist services was a really good idea! So he's invested lots of money ... and now we're going to be rich too!

Magda: No! What's all the interest in Fadi?

Harry: He owes us money!

Johnny: Okay, then. I'm still in.

Olivia: Oh dear ...

Harry: Me too – executive director!

Magda: That sounds bad.

Johnny: Yeah ... well done, Fadi!

Olivia: Is this what happened to his great business idea?

Harry: I feel like a really serious person now! A proper businessman! Even Bindyu's family will like me!

Johnny: Yes.

All: Fadi!

Magda: Oh, Harry! There's more to life than money you know!

Olivia: Everyone's looking for you.

Harry: Hey, I know that – but I don't think Bindyu's family do ...

Fadi: Aren't they always?

Magda: Not in a good way, though!

Fadi: Friends, friends ... Have no worries!

Johnny/Harry: What? What are you on about?

Fadi: I have saved the day!

Olivia: Go on ... what have you done this time?

Fadi: Secured the necessary investment to make "FindLondon" a huge success!

Harry: You have?

Johnny: And will we get our money back?

Fadi: If you want out, then you can leave.

Johnny: Hmmm ...

Fadi: But be warned ... You will be missing out

Big City Small World S3 E9 – Saving the Business?**Comprehension Task 1**

Put the events in order – remember, some of them may happen before the recording begins!

- a) Fadi's uncle agrees to invest in the business.
- b) Fadi tells his uncle about FindLondon.
- c) Harry says he wants to be executive director.
- d) Fadi offers Johnny and Harry their money back.
- e) Johnny and Harry are looking for Fadi.
- f) Harry tells Olivia that Fadi owes him money.
- g) Johnny congratulates Fadi for doing well.
- h) Fadi arrives at the café.

Comprehension Task 2

Choose the correct word or words in each sentence.

1. Olivia **has/hasn't** seen Fadi today.
2. Harry has given money to **Johnny/Fadi**.
3. Fadi **reassures/worries** everyone when he arrives.
4. Fadi thinks the business idea is going to **fail/succeed**.
5. Fadi's **father/uncle** has invested money.
6. Harry wants to impress his **girlfriend/girlfriend's family**.

Grammar Task

Complete these sentences and questions with the present perfect tense.

1. _____ you _____ (see) Fadi?
2. I _____ (not see) Fadi.
3. What _____ you _____ (do) this time, Fadi?
4. Fadi _____ (secure) the money the business needs.
5. His rich uncle _____ (invest) in FindLondon.
6. Harry _____ (not meet) Bindyu's parents yet.
7. _____ Bindyu _____ (arrived) yet?
8. I _____ (talk) to her already.

Big City Small World S3 E9 – Saving the Business?

Vocabulary Task

Complete these sentences with the best word about business or money from the list.

speculate

invest

owes

opportunity

investment

making

moneymaking

rich

1. You have to _____ to accumulate!
2. I hear he made more than a million pounds last year – he's extremely _____.
3. I wonder when Fadi will pay me back – he _____ me two hundred pounds!
4. Fadi's always full of crazy plans and _____ ideas.
5. You know, this FindLondon business might be the best _____ I've ever made.
6. It's a good idea to check you understand a business before you _____ in it.
7. Many people dream of _____ lots of money, but few people manage it.
8. This is a once-in-a-lifetime _____!

Word on the Street Social Media Revolution

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch Wendy's documentary about social media. Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

1. 'All About The McKenzies' is ...
 - a) a soap opera.
 - b) a comedy.
 - c) a documentary.
2. You can watch 'All About The McKenzies' ...
 - a) on DVD.
 - b) on TV.
 - c) on the internet.
3. At the moment, the ... series of 'All About The McKenzies' is being filmed.
 - a) first
 - b) second
 - c) third
4. 'All About The McKenzies' is about a black British family living in ...
 - a) London.
 - b) Birmingham.
 - c) Manchester.

5. Al Brown talks about how 'Vice' uses social media to ...
 - a) advertise.
 - b) find out what its audience wants.
 - c) get news stories.
6. The cast and crew of 'All About The McKenzies' tell Wendy how social media help them to ...
 - a) get work.
 - b) advertise the programme.
 - c) recruit people.

Activity 2

Read the extract from the documentary and find more words connected with the topic of TV and film. Add them to the list.

There are lights, a camera, actors and a film crew. But what's unusual here is that this programme isn't being made for television. 'All about the McKenzies' was launched on YouTube. They kept the costs down by filming on cheaper cameras and using a real house rather than an expensive studio. With the help of social media sites like Facebook and Twitter as well as its own website, it has built up a dedicated following. Now they are filming the third series. Not bad when you consider the writer, director and star, Samuell Benta, had never done anything like this before.

TV and film

lights, camera, a _____, f _____
 c _____, s _____, w _____,
 d _____, s _____

Activity 3

Can you remember the TV and film words from Activity 2? Type in the correct words.

There are l_____, a c_____, a_____ and a f_____ c_____. But what's unusual here is that this p_____ isn't being made for television. 'All about the McKenzies' was launched on YouTube. They kept the costs down by filming on cheaper c_____ and using a real house rather than an expensive s_____. With the help of social media sites like Facebook and Twitter as well as its own website, it has built up a dedicated

following. Now they are filming the third s_____. Not bad when you consider the w_____, d_____ and s_____, Samuell Benta, had never done anything like this before.

Discussion

- What kinds of videos do you enjoy watching on the internet?
- Have you ever seen a series or film that was made for the internet?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Wendy: Wherever we are, thanks to devices like these, we can all feel connected. They've created a media revolution.

Ah! Just been sent the address and a picture of the place we need to go. So come on!

This must be it. Now, part of that media revolution is happening inside that house. Let's go and see how. There are lights, a camera, actors and a film crew. They're filming a comedy programme.

Director: Action!

Policeman 1: AAAAH!

Policeman 2: Right, you then, over here!

Wendy: But what's unusual here is that this programme isn't being made for television. This series is only happening because of the social media revolution. *All about the McKenzies* was launched on YouTube. They kept the costs down by filming on cheaper, high-quality cameras and using a real house rather than an expensive studio. With the help of social media sites like Facebook and Twitter as well as its own website, it has built up a dedicated following.

Angel: Ian!

Ian: Angel!

Samuell: No, Angel, get out!

Angel: Technically, I'm not in the room ...

Ian: She's right, bro.

Samuell: Shut up, both of you.

Director: Action!

Wendy: Now, they are filming the third series. Not bad when you consider the writer, director and star, Samuell Benta, had never done anything like this before.

So tell me about *All about the McKenzies*.

Samuell: *All about the McKenzies*, basically, is centred around a Black British Caribbean family living in London, following Samuell McKenzie, who is the main protagonist.

Wendy: How easy was it to get started?

Samuell: It was just me with an idea, and I told people what I was doing in a video on Facebook. I posted an advert out saying 'Hey, this is what I want to do. Who's interested?'

Wendy: Oh, right, so it all started with the use of social media?

Samuell: Yeah, I mean by using social media, it can just multiply rapidly. You can just share something, other people can share your stuff, and then next thing you know, a thousand people know about your idea when originally you only put one post up.

Wendy: Traditional media like magazines, newspapers and television broadcasters are also turning more and more to online media. *Vice* started twenty years ago as a magazine but has become one of the leading youth media brands in the world through social media. Al Brown is Head of Video at their London office.

Al: We're in some ways classic publishers. You know, we write and we make films. What we do is that we constantly make sure that we're responding to audience feedback in terms of what we're making, so I think our audience feel very included in the content that we make and part of that conversation. Having content that people want to talk about and want to recommend is a big part of the way that our audience grows.

Policeman: Now, you had to go there, you had to go there...

Wendy: Back at the filming for *All about the McKenzies*, the cast and crew told us how important social media is to their careers and to the programme.



Make-up Artist: I get about 80% of my work through social networking sites. It's all word of mouth, and the internet is the best way to spread the word.

Actor: You hear things through Facebook through, you know, various different contacts.

Make-up Artist 2: I can put pictures of, like, my work, so that, you know, if they see something they like, it's positive feedback and they can get in contact with you.

Policeman: LAPC. Freeze!

Wendy: There are now thousands of new programmes available online and which couldn't have been distributed before the arrival of social media. With so much content out there, the choice for you is bigger than ever before. You just have to learn how to navigate through that extra choice to find what's best for you.

Word on the Street Social Media Scene 1

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the video. Are the sentences true or false?

1. Ash has a blog about fashion.
2. She makes a video for her blog every month.
3. Her blog doesn't get a lot of visitors.
4. Stephen and Ash decide to make a blog about learning English.

Activity 2

Watch the video again. Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

1. Ash's blog is about fashion ...
 - a) from the 1960s.
 - b) from the 1970s.
 - c) from the 1980s.
2. Stephen thinks Ash's video ...
 - a) is interesting.
 - b) needs more practice.
 - c) isn't very interesting.
3. Last month, ... people visited Ash's blog.
 - a) 22

b) 32

c) 42

4. The blogger, Jess, has about ... followers.
 - a) 19,000
 - b) 90,000
 - c) 91,000
5. Jess says it's important to choose a subject which ...
 - a) most people haven't heard about.
 - b) everyone is interested in.
 - c) you really like.
6. Ash and Stephen's dog is called ...
 - a) Poppy
 - b) Polly
 - c) Perry

Activity 3

In the video Ash and Jess use expressions for getting, giving and responding to advice. Put the words in the correct order to make the expressions.

1. advice? / wondered / I / you / any / if / had

2. important / would / most / thing / be / The / to choose a subject that you're really passionate about.

3. that / important / It's / remember / to
/ it is video.

4. key. / Choosing something / is / that
will look good on camera / also

5. you. / good / like / advice – / Sounds
/ thank

Activity 4

Can you remember the expressions from
Activity 3? Complete the correct words.

Getting advice

I w_____ i_____ y_____ h_____

a_____ a_____?

Giving advice

T_____ m_____ i_____ t_____

w_____ b_____ to choose a subject that
you're really passionate about.

I_____ i_____ t_____ r_____

t_____ it is video.

C_____ something that will look good on
camera i_____ a_____ k_____.

Responding to advice

S_____ l_____ g_____ a_____ –

t_____ y_____.

Discussion

- What do you like about the blogs or websites that you regularly view?
- If you were to make a video about something you love, what would your video be about?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Ashlie: Hi, I'm Ashlie Walker and today, as you can see, I'm going to be talking about sixties fashion. The sixties is one of the most recognisable...

Stephen: What are you wearing, Ash?

Ashlie: *Stephen!* You've ruined it. I'll just have to start again now.

Stephen: Are you filming this?

Ashlie: I'm making a short video for my fashion blog. Or I was, until you came in and spoilt it.

Stephen: Why do you want a video? I thought your blog was just words and pictures.

Ashlie: It is. That's why I want to give it something extra – a bit of action. Now can you go away and leave me alone?

Stephen: Well, sounds a bit strange to me but OK, carry on. I'm going to make a sandwich.

Ashlie: Thank you! The sixties was one of the most recognisable styles in fashion history. We're talking about colourful designs...

Stephen: Ashlie, is there any cheese?

Ashlie: Stephen! You are really putting me off! Anyway, what was I saying, oh yes... the sixties is one of the most vibrant design...

Stephen: Sorry, Ash. Is there any cheese?

Ashlie: I'm trying to make an interesting video and you keep wandering around in the background and talking to me.

Stephen: Do you really think anyone is going to watch that? It's not very exciting.

Ashlie: Why not? What's wrong with it?

Stephen: People don't listen to you going on about fashion.

Ashlie: How do you know?

Stephen: How many people visited your blog last month?

Ashlie: Thirty-two. But maybe lots of people were on holiday last month.

Stephen: See, you have to be funny or really entertaining if you want to have lots of visitors. Here, let's have a look at some popular blogs. I'll show you what I mean.

Ashlie: OK. A few more visitors to my blog would be good, I suppose.

Stephen: That one's really funny. Look at that!

Ashlie: I can't believe they're doing that. That's amazing.

Stephen: Aw, that's hilarious. Shall we have a go?

Ashlie: No, Stephen. I really don't think that's a good idea.

Stephen: But do you see what I mean? Look how many views that video has.

Ashlie: She's got a whole channel of videos. Almost a hundred thousand followers. Wow! I'd love to ask her how she got so popular.

Stephen: Well, let's post a comment and see if she's online.

Ashlie: Hi, is that SunbeamsJess?

Jess: Yeah, it is. Who are you guys?

Stephen: Hi, yeah, I'm Stephen and this is my sister, Ashlie. We've just been watching your latest upload. It's really good.

Jess: Thank you.

Ashlie: You've got loads of subscribers. How many do you have?

Jess: I have about 91,000 at the moment.

Ashlie: Wow, that is a lot. And how did you start?

Jess: Well I started by watching other people's videos and then decided to make my own. At first I used the webcam in my laptop but then as I got more and more followers, I decided to switch to a camera and make higher-quality videos.

Ashlie: I'm making my own blog and I wanted to start adding video. I wondered if you had any advice? Like, how to get more people to watch?

Jess: I think the most important thing would be to choose a subject that you're really passionate about because if you love it, then your viewers will really love it too. And also it's important to remember that it is video, so choosing something that will look good on camera is also key.

Ashlie: Sounds like good advice. Thank you, Jess.

Stephen: Yes, thanks for that. We'll let you go now, OK? Goodbye!

Jess: Bye!

Ashlie: Bye, thanks. Take care.

Ashlie: That was really interesting.

Stephen: I think we should start our own channel. What could we make videos about?

Ashlie: She said it should be something you're passionate about.

Stephen: Something you really love...

Ashlie: ...that looks great on camera.

Stephen: Hmm.

Stephen and Ashlie: Poppy!

Word on the Street Social Media Scene 1 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Read the extracts from the video and find seven words connected with the topic of social media. Use the letters in brackets () to help you.

- Stephen:** How many people visited your blog last month?
Ash: 32. But maybe lots of people were on holiday last month.
Stephen: You have to be funny or really entertaining if you want to have lots of visitors.
_____ (obgl)
_____ (iiorssstv)
- Ash:** She's got a whole channel of videos. Almost 100,000 followers. Wow!
Stephen: Well, let's post a comment and see if she's online.
_____ (acehlInn)
_____ (eflloorsw)
_____ (cemmnot)
- Stephen:** We've just been watching your latest upload. It's really good.
Jess: Thank you.
Ash: You've got loads of

subscribers. How many do you have?

_____ (adlopu)
_____ (bbceirrsssu)

Activity 2

Use the correct words to complete Ash's sentences with the present continuous.

're / 'm / putting / 'm / making / 're / talking /
're / trying / doing / 'm / making

- I _____ a short video for my fashion blog.
- We _____ about colourful designs ...
- Stephen! You _____ really _____ me off!
- I _____ to make an interesting video and you keep talking to me.
- I can't believe they _____ that. That's amazing.
- I _____ my own blog and I wanted to start adding video.

Activity 3

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences with 'keep -ing'.

- to work / I'm / to me. / trying / and / keep / you / talking

- I / know / keep / his name. / but / his face / I / forgetting

3. but / need / to print / I / this
document / my computer / crashing.
/ keeps

4. They / close / because / the
business / had to / kept / losing / it /
money.

5. the phone / We / ringing. / to watch /
wanted / TV / but / kept

6. He / won't / lose / if / sweets. /
weight / he / keeps / eating

Activity 4

Can you remember the sentences from
Activity 3? Complete the correct words.

1. He won't lose weight if he _____
_____ sweets.
2. I know his face but I _____
_____ his name.
3. I need to print this document but my
computer _____.
4. I'm trying to work and you _____
_____ to me.
5. They had to close the business
because it _____
_____ money.
6. We wanted to watch TV but the
phone _____.

Word on the Street Social Media Scene 2

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the video. Put the events in the correct order.

- Stephen says he doesn't feel well.
- Ash and Stephen make a video with Poppy.
- Ash wakes Stephen up.
- Ash, Stephen and Poppy go home.
- Stephen goes to sleep.
- Ash edits the video and uploads it to the internet.
- Ash and Stephen watch the video together.

Activity 2

Watch the start of the video again. Complete the conversation with the correct words. There are two, three or four words in each gap.

- Stephen:** This _____ a great show. Don't forget, Poppy _____ through the hoop. 'Stephen & Ashlie TV', take one.
Ash: Stephen, it's 'Poppy TV'!
- Stephen:** Fine. 'Stephen, Ashlie & Poppy TV', take one ... and action!

And action. Ashlie,
_____ action!

- Ash:** Stephen, I don't think she _____ it. And I think you're shouting too much.
- Stephen:** Poppy, if you _____ a star, you _____ into character.

Activity 3

We can use 'I don't think' to express a negative opinion in a more polite way. For example, Ashlie thinks, 'Poppy doesn't understand (-)'. But she says, 'I don't think (-) she understands (+)'.

Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- It's not a good idea.
I don't think _____.
- You shouldn't do that.
I don't think _____.
- That isn't fair.
I don't think _____.
- That doesn't make sense.
I don't think _____.
- That won't work.
I don't think _____.
- You're wrong.
I don't think _____.

Discussion

- Do you have, or would you consider having, a pet?
- Have you ever tried to make a video of an animal?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

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Stephen: This is going to make a great show. Don't forget Poppy has to go through the hoop. 'Stephen & Ashlie TV' – take one.

Ashlie: Stephen, it's 'Poppy TV'!

Stephen: Fine. 'Stephen, Ashlie & Poppy TV', take one... and action! And action. Ashlie, I said action!

Ashlie: Stephen, I don't think she wants to do it. And I think you're shouting too much.

Stephen: Poppy, if you want to be a star, you need to get into character.

Ashlie: I don't think she understands. I know. What if we give her a treat, like a dog chocolate? Then you might want to go through the hoop.

Stephen: Great idea, have you got one?

Ashlie: Yeah. Here.

Stephen: Give it to me. Poppy, here's your treat. You're going to be the greatest dog star in the world.

Ashlie: I don't think that's going to work, Stephen.

Stephen: Of course it will. Stephen, Ashlie & Poppy TV, take two. Action!

Ashlie: I think you need to put her treat on the other side of the hoop.

Stephen: Good idea. Take three. Poppy! Action!

Stephen: [Groans] I'm sure great directors never have this much trouble. Never work with animals!

Ashlie: Aw, don't listen to him, Poppy. You've been great. Stephen's just being bossy.

Stephen: I'm not being bossy, I'm just trying to get the best performance out of Poppy. I'm trying to make her a star.

Ashlie: Well, as you've been working so hard as the director, I'll edit the video and upload it to our new channel. Come on, let's go home.

Stephen: I'm exhausted after all that directing. I've got a sore throat and I've got a stomach ache. It must be the stress.

Ashlie: Well, why don't you have a nap while me and Poppy work on the new channel?

Stephen: That's a good idea.

Ashlie: That's it, Stephen. Wake up. I've uploaded our first video!

Stephen: Have you? That's great.

Ashlie: Look, someone has posted a comment already.

Stephen: Really? Let's have a look. Wow, it says, 'really funny... smiley face'. That's odd.

Ashlie: Look, Stephen, we've already got some 'likes'. That's amazing.

Stephen: I didn't think it was funny, more like Poppy being clever. Can we see the video, Ash?

Ashlie: Oh, erm, yeah, of course. It wasn't quite what we planned but... well, you'll see.



Ashlie: Stephen, are you ready? Hi!
Welcome to Poppy TV, I'm Ashlie and
this is the adorable Poppy.

Ashlie: Look, Stephen, we're a hit!
We've got thousands of views already.
We're going to be famous!

Stephen: Nooooo!

Word on the Street Social Media Scene 2 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Put the words and expressions in the correct order to make conditional sentences.

- you have to / If / to learn / you want English, / practise.

- become / a doctor, / If / for / you want to / study / you have to / a long time.

- the machine. / If / from / a bus, / take / buy / a ticket / you want to / you need to

- you want to / you need to / If / open / have / some ID. / a bank account,

- a supermarket. / If / you want to / on / go shopping / Sundays, / you have to / to / go

- you need to / the company car, / you want to / get permission / If / use / the boss. / from

Activity 2

Can you remember the conditional sentences from Activity 1? Write down the correct words.

- If you want to _____ a doctor, you have to _____ for a long time.
- If you want to _____ on Sundays, you have to _____ to a supermarket.
- If you want to _____ English, you have to _____.
- If you want to _____ a bank account, you need to _____ some ID.
- If you want to _____ a bus, you need to _____ a ticket from the machine.
- If you want to _____ the company car, you need to _____ permission from the boss.

Activity 3

Match the sentences.

I've already made plans for the evening. /
I've already told you! / Magda's already done it. / The film's already started! / He's

already gone home. / We've already paid
for our flights. /

1. No, you can't go to the party.

2. I'm sorry, Mr James isn't in the
office.

3. You don't need to worry about the
washing-up.

4. Did you have problems finding the
cinema?

5. We can't change our holidays now.

6. I'm afraid I can't meet you after work
today.

Activity 4

Can you remember the sentences with
'already' from Activity 3? Write down the
correct words. There are three words in each
gap.

1. Did you have problems finding the
cinema? The film _____!
2. I'm afraid I can't meet you after work
today. I _____ plans
for the evening.
3. I'm sorry, Mr James isn't in the
office. He _____ home.
4. No, you can't go to the party.
I _____ you!
5. We can't change our holidays now.
We _____ for our
flights.
6. You don't need to worry about the
washing-up. Magda _____
_____ it.