

## Citizenship Language Pack For Migrants in Europe - Extended

# English

## Multimedia Course in Language and Culture for Migrants

### A2 Level

### To aid communication in everyday English in Ireland

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## *Self Education*




## **Introduction**

Here we have two friends, Petra and Paul, who, having met on the street, begin to discuss some language learning options. Paul suggests that Petra registers for a course to learn English and maybe Irish. Paul gives directions on how to get there to Petra. They speak about the cost of such courses and the days and times that he believes they take place as well as the level of difficulty.

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## Dialogue 24 – Talking about the ETB

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAHmRvsK0yq3eKIr35DOT7-5M2f7ynI4m>

 Petra		<p><b>Situation:</b> Meeting on the street</p> <p><b>Characters:</b> Petra and Paul</p>
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**Petra-** Paul, I was thinking about enrolling in a language course. Do you know where there is a language school in the city centre?

**Paul-** Well I'm taking an English course at the ETB, Education and Training Board, at the moment. The fees are small and it's on the same street as the library.

**Petra-** What language courses do they offer?

**Paul-** Oh, it's a school for migrants learning English and adult literacy skills.

**Petra-** Are there many different courses and levels?

**Paul-** Yes, there are. They do mostly English language courses and courses for adult literacy. They have other courses too, I think.

**Petra-** And what about other language courses?

**Paul-** Oh, I don't think they do other languages.

**Petra-** Irish for beginners, no?

**Paul-** I don't think so even though there are some foreigners who want to learn Irish. You should really come to the school with me tomorrow and check out the courses that interest you.

**Petra:** OK. When are you going to the Education and Training Board?

**Paul-** I would say at 4pm tomorrow. Are you coming with me?

**Petra-** Yes, where'll I meet you?

**Paul-** We'll meet in front of the Citizens' Information Centre on the same street at half past three. See you then

**Petra-** See you tomorrow. Bye!

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## Oral Comprehension

**Answer the following questions. The correct answers can be found in the key on the last page.**

### Exercise 1:

The ETB is on the same street as what?

- a. The shopping centre
- b. The bank
- c. The library

### Exercise 2:

The ETB does courses mainly for learning English and what else?

- a. Adult literacy
- b. Computer literacy
- c. Other languages

### Exercise 3:

Where will they meet tomorrow?

- a. The library
- b. The Citizens' Information Centre
- c. The ETB

**Exercise 4:**

What time does Peter want to be at the ETB?

- a. Half three
- b. Four o' clock
- c. Half four

**Exercise 5:**

Fill in the blanks:

**Paul-** I don't \_\_\_\_\_ so even though there are some \_\_\_\_\_ who want to learn \_\_\_\_\_ . You should really come to the \_\_\_\_\_ with me \_\_\_\_\_ and check out the \_\_\_\_\_ that interest you.

## Grammar

### Past Continuous

Past Continuous is used to talk about an action that was happening over a period of the time in the past.

#### Structure:

Subject + was/were + (verb +ing).

#### Examples:

I was thinking about enrolling in a language course.

#### Links:

<http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/pastcontinuous.html>

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/verbs/past-tense/past-continuous>

<http://esl.fis.edu/grammar/rules/pastcont.htm>

[http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/past\\_prog.htm](http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/past_prog.htm)

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## In Ireland

Every ETB is part of the overall ETBI (Education and Training Boards Ireland). The ETBI is an association established to collectively represent education and training boards and promote their interests. ETBs replaced the previous VEC and FÁS Training Centres in 2013. The principal objective of ETBI is to promote the development of education, training and youth work in Ireland. To find out more about them, visit their website by following the link below:

<http://www.etbi.ie/>

## Vocabulary

Citizens' Information Centre – there is one of these in every major town in Ireland where you can seek advice about your rights

Language course

City centre

Education

Training

Street

Library

Literacy

Skills

Level

Beginners

Foreigner

Enrol

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>



## Key

**After you have completed the exercises, check your answers here.**

**Exercise 1** - c

**Exercise 2** - a

**Exercise 3** - b

**Exercise 4** - b

### Exercise 5

**Paul-** I don't **think** so even though there are some **foreigners** who want to learn **Irish**. You should really come to the **school** with me **tomorrow** and check out the **courses** that interest you.