

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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Module 10:
Self Education



Introduction

Here is a dialogue between a student and an administrator about language courses. We see Zainab speaking to an administrator at the ETB (Education and Training Board) to enquire about the availability of suitable courses for learning English. She finds out the course times, days, cost etc. as well as the certificates of the qualifications that she may be issued.

Dialogue 25 – At the ETB

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAHmRvsK0yg3eKlr35DOT7-5M2f7ynI4m>

 Zainab		<p>Situation: At the ETB Office</p> <p>Characters: Zainab and Colm, the administrator.</p>
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Zainab- Good morning.

Colm- Good morning. Do you need some information?

Zainab- I would like to know what language courses you offer this year?

Colm- Here is a copy of our catalogue. The courses are for the public and there are group classes as well as individual one-to-one classes.

Zainab- Thank you. I'll read the catalogue.

Colm- Have you chosen a course yet?

Zainab- Yes. I want to take the English course for foreigners. Where should I register?

Colm- In the office on the first floor. You can hand in the registration form any time between 10 and 5 Monday to Thursday and, on Friday, 10 to 3pm.

Zainab- I haven't got the internet. I'll fill in the application here in the office. When do the courses start?

Colm- The language courses start in September and they're on in the morning, the afternoon, and the evening.

Zainab- Where do the classes take place?

Colm- The language courses take place on the second floor of the building.

Zainab- Do you have intensive courses, too?

Colm- No unfortunately, maybe at the private language schools.

Zainab- Can I join the advanced course, so?

Colm- The language courses are for all levels: beginners, lower-intermediate, upper-intermediate and advanced. And conversational classes too.

Zainab- And do you have preparation courses for the state and international exams?

Colm- Only for the leaving certificate state exam.

Zainab- Do I get a graduation certificate when I finish the course?

Colm- Yes. Every student who completes a course successfully will get a certificate. And this is a recognised certificate and can be used when looking for a job.

Zainab- How much do I have to pay for the course?

Colm- The course is free and the classes last 2 hours.

Zainab- Thank you for the information. I'll go and fill in the application form.

Colm- Goodbye now. I hope you will enjoy studying here.

Zainab- Thank you. Goodbye.

Oral Comprehension

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

Exercise 1:

Where should Zainab register for the course?

- a. At the school
- b. In the office on the first floor
- c. In that office

Exercise 2:

What are the office opening hours Monday to Thursday?

- a. 9am to 5pm
- b. 10am to 3pm
- c. 10am to 5pm

Exercise 3:

What time does the school close at on Fridays?

- a. 2pm
- b. 3pm
- c. 5pm

Exercise 4:

How long is each class?

- a. One year
- b. Six months
- c. Two hours

Exercise 5:

Where do the language courses take place?

- a. On the second floor
- b. In the office
- c. In a private school

Grammar

Phrasal verb

A phrasal verb is usually two words, a verb and a preposition, which create a different meaning from the original verb.

Examples:

You fill in the course application form and hand it into

You can use this certificate when looking for a job.

Links:

<https://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/phrasal-verbs-list.htm>

<http://www.gingersoftware.com/content/grammar-rules/verbs/list-of-phrasal-verbs/>

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/phrasals.htm>

<http://www.learn-english-today.com/phrasal-verbs/phrasal-verb-list.htm>

<http://www.englishpage.com/prepositions/phrasaldictionary.html>

In Ireland

It is always a good idea to look for information from citizens' advice and the local ETB when looking for English language courses. Ireland is a very popular place for foreign students to learn English and the majority of courses are offered by private language schools. Follow the links below to find out more about the ETB and the advice of citizens' information on learning English in Ireland:

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

http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/education/third_level_education/coming_to_ireland_and_to_study/efl_language_schools.html

Vocabulary

Year	Catalogue	Public
Group	Individual	Register
Evening	Building	Intensive
Advanced	Beginners	Intermediate
Conversational	Preparation	Success

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

Key

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

Exercise 1 - b

Exercise 2 - c

Exercise 3 - b

Exercise 4 - c

Exercise 5 - a