

## 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 11:***

### ***Travel***



### **Introduction**

In this piece about travelling we see two friends chatting at work about a journey for the coming weekend. One of the friends has a destination. Her friend offers some good tips and advice on how to get there. They also discuss some pitfalls in attempting to go there. We hear them talk about various modes of transport and transport issues throughout.

## Dialogue 26 – Going to Belfast

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

		<p><b>Situation:</b> Colleagues at work <b>Characters:</b> Laura and Brendan</p>
<p>Laura</p>	<p>Brendan</p>	

**Brendan-** What are you looking for on the map? Are you going somewhere?

**Laura-** Yes, I am. My friend invited me to visit him next weekend. He lives in a village somewhere near Belfast. I am not sure how to get there though.

**Brendan-** If you ask me, the quickest way is by road. It only takes four hours. And, if you don't want to drive, you could always take a bus.

**Laura-** Yes, but during weekends there's usually a lot of traffic and I don't want to get stuck in a traffic jam. I don't want to waste any time.

**Brendan-** Why don't you take the plane then? I believe there are cheap flights with Jet Easy. And you don't even need a passport within this island, I believe.

**Laura-** I know. I checked on the Internet but the flight times are inconvenient. And it's not that cheap either.

**Brendan-** Hmm...what about the train? Somebody told me that the train to Belfast was both fast and modern. It takes three and a half hours, I think, and because you're a student, you may get a reduced price. But you have to have the special card for that.

**Laura-** Really? Do you know where I could get a train schedule?

**Brendan-** You could get one from the train station itself. You'll probably have to book a seat as well.

**Laura-** And where is the train station? Can I go by local bus?

**Brendan-** Yes, you can take the white bus. It will bring you right into the square and the train station is just behind the square. You will be waiting for the white bus, however.

**Laura-** That could take long. Maybe I should just call the train station and see if I can make a seat reservation by phone with credit or debit card.

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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:

Where does Laura's friend live?

- a. A village near Belfast
- b. Belfast city
- c. A city near Belfast

### Exercise 2:

How long does it take to drive to Belfast from where Laura and Brendan live?

- a. Three hours
- b. Five hours
- c. Four hours

### Exercise 3:

Why does Laura not want to travel by road?

- a. Because of the traffic
- b. Because it takes four hours
- c. Because she might get lost

#### **Exercise 4:**

How long does it take to get to Belfast by train?

- a. Four hours
- b. Three and a half hours
- c. Two and a half hours

#### **Exercise 5:**

Where is the train station?

- a. In the square
- b. In front of the square
- c. Behind the square

## Grammar

### Phrasal verb

Phrasal verbs are usually two words, a verb and a preposition, that create a different meaning from the original verb.

#### Examples:

What are you looking for?

You can take the white bus and get off at the square.

#### 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>

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## In Ireland

There are a number of options available in terms of public transport in Ireland. The main bus service is called Bus Éireann. There is also the rail service called Irish Rail or Iarnrod Éireann. In addition, there are a number of private companies that provide very competitive rates for travelling around the country. Most big towns and cities will also have their own internal bus service and in Dublin they have a tram service called the LUAS. The Irish people are known for their relaxed attitude towards time keeping. Bear this in mind when travelling and allow plenty of time for potential delays.

### Vocabulary

Map	Somewhere	Village
Near	Invite	Visit
Quick	Road	Hour
Drive	Bus	Traffic
Flight	Island	Reservation
Convenient	Fast	Modern
Train	Reduced	Schedule

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



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## Key

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

**Exercise 1** - a

**Exercise 2** - c

**Exercise 3** - a

**Exercise 4** - b

**Exercise 5** - c