

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 12:

Leisure





Introduction

In this very short clip, we have Linda and Roy who speak to each other about the museums of the town. Rita recommends one with a famous piece of art and they discuss it briefly. They then 'head off' to the museum together and wonder about any possible admittance fees that might be involved.

Dialogue 29 – Art Gallery

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

		<p>Situation: On the street Characters: Linda and Roy</p>
Linda	Roy	

Linda- Is there an art gallery in this town?

Roy- Oh, yes. There are a few art galleries in this town and exhibition halls as well.

Linda- Which one would you recommend?

Roy- Oh, the one with the Jack B. Yeats painting. I love that painting very much. He was a great national painter.

Linda- That sounds very interesting. Which century did he live in?

Roy- He did most of his important work at the beginning of the twentieth century. Loads of people love his work.

Linda- Let's go to that art gallery now. I hope it's open.

Roy- Oh, it's open every day, except Sunday.

Linda- Great. Is there an admission charge?

Roy- I'm not quite sure. It wouldn't be too much. In fact I think it's actually free.

Oral Comprehension

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

Exercise 1:

What does Roy say about the Irish artist, Jack B. Yeats?

- a. He doesn't like him
- b. He owns the gallery
- c. He was a great national painter

Exercise 2:

How much is the admission fee for the museum?

- a. It might be free
- b. It's €5
- c. It's €20

Exercise 3:

What day is the museum closed?

- a. Monday
- b. Sunday
- c. Friday

Exercise 4:

How many galleries are in this town?

- a. Twelve
- b. Just one
- c. A few

Exercise 5:

When did Jack B. Yeats do his most important work?

- a. In the early 1900s
- b. In the early 1800s
- c. In the latter part of the twentieth century

Grammar

Using “a few”:

The word “a few” is a quantifier word that means “some”. “A few” is used with plural countable nouns. Countable nouns are nouns which have a singular and a plural form.

Examples:

There are a few art galleries in this town and exhibition halls as well.

Links:

<http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/vocabulary/little-few>

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/grammar/british-grammar/little-a-little-few-a-few>

http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/much_many.htm

In Ireland

There are lots of art galleries in Ireland, housing exquisite Irish and international pieces. The main galleries are all in Dublin, however, most cities also have a smaller art gallery focusing on local and national art. Two of the largest art galleries in Ireland include the National Gallery and the Museum of Modern Art.

To find out more about Irish art, follow the link below:

<http://www.irish-art.com/>

Vocabulary

Art gallery

Exhibition hall

Painting

Painter

Century

Interesting

Admission charge

Free

Beginning

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

Key

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

Exercise 1 - c

Exercise 2 - a

Exercise 3 - a

Exercise 4 - c

Exercise 5 - a