

## 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 2:**  
**Social and Family**





**Introduction**

Now we have a simple scene displaying the niceties of birthday greetings between two friends, a man and a woman, Seamus and Sarah. We learn the age of Sarah and things that people often say to each other in acknowledging a birthday. We learn what Sarah has planned for her birthday, which she shares with her cousin. She then, in a typical fashion, invites her friend Seamus to a party. They then make the necessary arrangements.

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### Dialogue 3: Happy Birthday

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAHmRvsK0yq3eKlr35DOT7-5M2f7ynI4m>

 <p>Seamus</p>  <p>Sarah</p>	<p>Situation: Chatting with friends Characters: Seamus and Sarah</p>
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**Seamus-** Happy Birthday! May this year be your best!

**Sarah-** Thank you! Thank you very much, old friend! I wish the best for you too.

**Seamus-** So, how old are you now? Or maybe I shouldn't ask?

**Sarah-** No, it's OK. I don't have to hide my age! I am 32 now.

**Seamus-** I wish I was your age! So, how are you going to celebrate your birthday?

**Sarah-** Well, my cousin was born on the same date as me, only four years later, so we're going to have a party together on Saturday night. I'd like you to come if you don't have any plans.

**Seamus-** Absolutely. I would love to. Where is it?

**Sarah-** At my house. We just invited some close friends and relatives. We are going to order pizza and relax, nothing special.

**Seamus-** Sounds fun. What should I bring? Have you bought a cake yet?

**Sarah-** No, but my cousin is a baker. He will bake a cake himself.

**Seamus-** Then maybe I could bring something to drink, like a bottle of wine.

**Sarah-** The only thing you should bring is your wife. Everything else is taken care of.

**Seamus-** Great. Jessica will really like it, I'm sure. I'll see you then so and enjoy the rest of your birthday.

**Sarah-** Thanks a million. Bye.

**Seamus-** Bye!

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## Oral Comprehension

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

### Exercises 1 – 4:

**State if the following sentences are true or false:**

- Sarah and Seamus are old friends.
- Sarah is 25 years old.
- Sarah's cousin is a teacher.
- Seamus' wife was invited to the birthday party on Saturday.

### Exercise 5:

**Fill in the gaps.**

**Sarah-** Well, my \_\_\_\_\_ was born on the same \_\_\_\_\_ as me, only \_\_\_\_\_ years later, so we're going to have a \_\_\_\_\_ together on \_\_\_\_\_ night. I'd like you to come if you don't have any plans.

**Seamus-** \_\_\_\_\_. I would love to. Where is it?

**Sarah-** At my \_\_\_\_\_. We just invited some close \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We are going to order pizza and relax, nothing special.

## Grammar

### Present simple

Present simple is used to talk about habits and facts.

#### Examples:

My cousin is a baker

I don't have to hide my age

#### Links:

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

[https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/verb-tenses\\_present-simple.htm](https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/verb-tenses_present-simple.htm)

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/verbs/present-tense/present-simple>

<http://www.grammar.cl/Present/Simple.htm>

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## In Ireland

Irish people enjoy celebrating special occasions. It is customary to give cards and gifts to close friends and family members. When attending a birthday party, you should always bring something for the person whose birthday it is. Some 'milestone' birthdays in Ireland are ages 16, 18 and 21. After age 21, age 30, 40, 50 etc. are the most celebrated.

## Vocabulary

Happy Birthday	House	Absolutely
Celebrate	Friends	Fun
Cousin	Party	Relax
Special	Fun	Cake
Baker	Wine	Wife

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

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## Key

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

### Exercises 1 – 4:

- a. True
- b. False
- c. False
- d. True

### Exercise 5:

**Sarah-** Well, my **cousin** was born on the same **date** as me, only **four** years later, so we're going to have a **party** together on **Saturday** night. I'd like you to come if you don't have any plans.

**Seamus-** **Absolutely**. I would love to. Where is it?

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