

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

We will now see three people meeting and greeting each other in the usual way. They have met by chance. Alex and Mark have not met each other for a long time and wish to 'catch-up' with one another. We see Mark introducing himself to Daniel. Daniel is a brother of Alex. Alex invites Mark to join them for a meal. Mark explains why he will have to leave early. We also hear how a relation of Mark is feeling and learn some terms relating to his health.

Dialogue 4: Greeting

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

	<p>Situation: Meeting on the street</p> <p>Characters: Alex, Mark, and Daniel</p>	
Alex	Mark	Daniel

Alex- Mark! Hi! How are you?

Mark- Hi! Great! And you?

Alex- Great. It's been a long time. I don't think you ever met my brother.

Mark- No. Nice to meet you. My name is Mark. I worked with your brother for two years.

Daniel- Hello Mark, my name is Daniel.

Alex- Listen, we are going for dinner at a new restaurant just around the corner. Would you like to join us? We really need to keep in touch.

Mark- Yes, I'd love to! It's just that I have to leave in 2 hours because I have to visit my cousin in the hospital.

Alex- Your cousin who I met last year at your birthday party?

Mark- Yes, Frank. Do you remember him?

Alex- He was very tall, around our age, with long dark hair.

Mark- Yes, that's right, although he has changed a lot since. He's having some health problems at the moment and has lost a lot of weight.

Alex- Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Is he OK now?

Mark- Yes, he's...he's ok, now.

Alex- Good. I really liked him. He was very, very funny – great sense of humour, great craic!

Mark- Yes I know, like all members of our family, huh?

Oral Comprehension

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

Exercise 1:

Mark and Alex are:

- a. Former work colleagues
- b. Brothers
- c. Meeting for the first time

Exercise 2:

Who is Frank?

- a. Mark's brother
- b. Alex's brother
- c. Mark's cousin

Exercise 3:

Where is the restaurant they are going to for dinner?

- a. Around the corner
- b. The end of the street
- c. The bottom of the square

Exercise 4:

What happened to Frank as a result of his health problems?

- a. He lost his hair
- b. He lost his voice
- c. He lost weight

Exercise 5:

According to Alex, what does Frank have?

- a. Health problems
- b. A great sense of humour
- c. Blonde hair

Grammar

Past simple

The past simple tense is used to speak about actions or events that happened in the past at a specific time.

Offering something or inviting someone:

“Would you like to + verb” is the form that is used to offer someone something or extend an invitation in a polite way.

Examples:

Would you like to join us?

Links:

Past simple tense:

https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/verb-tenses_past_u.htm

<http://www.gingersoftware.com/content/grammar-rules/verbs/the-past-simple-tense/>

http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/tenses/simple_past.htm

Would you like to + verb:

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/grammar/british-grammar/would-like>

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/grammar/british-grammar/offers>

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/grammar-vocabulary/grammar-videos/can-could-and-would-invitations-offers-requests-and-permission>

In Ireland

Irish people are very social and are known for talking a lot. It is considered impolite to give one word answers and most people will stop and chat for a while if they see someone they know on the street. It is customary to ask how the person is and about their family or any mutual acquaintances. The word 'craic', which Alex used in this dialogue, is a very common part of Irish slang. In general, it means 'fun'; however, it is used in a variety of contexts which can change its meaning slightly.

Vocabulary

Brother	Dinner	Restaurant
Around the corner	Tall	Hair
Weight	Problems	Funny
Sense of humour	Nice to meet you	Family

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

Key

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

Exercise 1 - a

Exercise 2 - c

Exercise 3 - a

Exercise 4 - c

Exercise 5 - b