

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 6: ***Accommodation***






Introduction

This is a very common situation in Ireland in town centres where there are pubs (bars). This story involves some young men who are making noise outside the nearby pub. Martin cannot sleep and is angry because he has an exam the next morning. His flatmates give some advice. Suggestions are made as to how to get the men to be quiet. We hear some words and phrases relating to this common problem.

Dialogue 14 – Noise

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

			<p>Situation: Half past midnight, in their apartment</p> <p>Characters: Martin, Gary, and Lisa</p>
Martin	Gary	Lisa	

Martin- Hey! Can you hear that noise?

Gary- Martin, I told you that sometimes late at night there are guys at the bar making a lot of noise.

Martin- Yes, I remember, but this is ridiculous! I've got an exam at 9:00am!

Gary- Try to close the windows. Maybe it will make it quieter.

Martin- The windows are already closed.

Gary- Wait, I'll tell them to make less noise.

Martin- I've already tried but they won't listen!

Gary- Ah well, I don't know what you can do.

Martin- Damn it! This isn't on.

Gary- Wait, I've an idea. Why don't you put your head under the pillow!

Martin- Ha ha ha, very funny. No no no. I can't sleep with my head underneath the pillow. Anyway, I can't breathe.

Gary- Patience, Martin. I'm sure these guys will quieten down eventually.

Martin- Five more minutes and I'm going down there myself to tell them to stop.

Gary- Are you going in your pyjamas?

Martin- Of course! I'm very angry...

Gary- I think that when they see you in your pyjamas they will buy you a drink and convince you to go singing with them! Hahahaha!

Martin- Stop, stop!

Gary- You're nervous because of the exam tomorrow.

Martin- Yes, I know. The real problem is that I'm nervous about the exam.

Lisa- Hi Martin, hi Gary. What are you doing still up and what's with those expressions on your faces?

Martin- I can't sleep. Ugh! The boys down in the bar are making too much noise.

Gary- Martin is worried because he has an exam tomorrow and he won't be able to sleep.

Lisa- Yes, it's true there are some guys talking loudly outside but the bar will be closed soon and they'll have to go.

Martin- Let's hope so.

Lisa- Anyway, I can give you some earplugs so you won't hear any more noise.

Martin- Ah Lisa, thanks! That's a great solution.

Gary- Yes, I agree it's a good idea but I would prefer to see Martin go down there with his pyjamas on! Hahahaha!

Oral Comprehension

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

Exercise 1:

Where are the men making noise downstairs?

- a. At the corner
- b. At the shop
- c. At the bar

Exercise 2:

What time is Martin's exam at?

- a. 9am
- b. 9pm
- c. 12.30pm

Exercise 3:

What is Martin's real problem?

- a. The men making noise
- b. He is worried about his exam
- c. Gary

Exercise 4:

Why will the noisy men have to go soon?

- a. Martin will tell make them
- b. Gary will shout out the window
- c. The bar will be closing

Exercise 5:

What does Lisa suggest as a solution for Martin?

- a. Go out and join the men making noise
- b. Close the windows
- c. Put in earplugs

Grammar

Can:

“Can” a modal auxiliary verb. It is used to:

- Express possibility and ability
- Make requests
- Ask or give permission

Examples:

Can you hear that noise?

You can put your head under the pillow

Links:

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/verbs/modal-verbs/can-or-could>

<http://www.englishgrammarsecrets.com/can/menu.php>

https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/verbs-modals_can_1.htm

In Ireland

Like in many busy cities around the world, noise can be a problem late at night in Ireland's towns but only really in areas where there is a lot of nightlife. If you don't like dealing with noise, make sure to visit any property you are thinking of renting in the evening time as well as the day time, to see how the noise is when the bars are busy. Remember that it is always good to know your rights as a tenant. Follow this link to find out what your rights are when you agree to rent from someone:

http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/housing/renting_a_home/tenants_rights_and_obligations.html

If you have more serious problems with a property you are renting, you can seek advice at the national housing charity, Threshold. Follow the link below to visit their website:

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

Vocabulary

Late	Solution	Bar
Noise	Ridiculous	Exam
Quiet	Listen	Idea
Pillow	Funny	Sleep
Eventually	Pyjamas	Angry
Nervous	Expression	Earplugs

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

Key

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

Exercise 1 - c

Exercise 2 - a

Exercise 3 - b

Exercise 4 - c

Exercise 5 - c