

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 8:

Shopping



Introduction

Here we have John going to a local green grocer called Gerry. Here John buys a number of different fruits and vegetables. We hear them speak about weight, amounts and prices. We also learn some words dealing with change as well as some descriptive vocabulary for the various foods mentioned. Let's see what John is cooking for lunch.

Dialogue 20 – At the Greengrocer's

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

 	<p>Situation: Buying fruit and vegetables</p> <p>Characters: John, the customer, and Gerry, the greengrocer</p>
Gerry	John

John- Good morning.

Gerry- Hello, how are you?

John- I am fine, thanks. I want to buy some fruit and vegetables for today. For lunch, I am making a tortilla with potatoes. Eh...who's next in line?

Gerry- You. It's your turn. Tell me, what do you want?

John- I want about a stone of potatoes. I'm having my sons for lunch so that will be about five people in total.

Gerry- Ok, I'd say it's just about right.

John- Yes, I think so.

Gerry- Did you need anything else?

John- Well, give me one head of lettuce, half a kilo of cucumbers and half a kilo of tomatoes.

Gerry- Right away. So...anything else?

John- No, I don't think so. Yea – I forgot! I need something for dessert. What do you recommend?

Gerry- The strawberries I got today are very sweet and juicy.

John- How much a kilo?

Gerry- €3.50 to yourself.

John- They're a little bit expensive, aren't they?

Gerry- No, that's the normal price.

John- Ok, I'll take a quarter of a kilo, just to try them.

Gerry- Great, do you need anything else?

John- I don't think so. I must go, it's getting late.

Gerry- Yes, it's two o'clock.

John- So, how much do I owe you?

Gerry- €14.75 to yourself, sir.

John- I only have a €50 note, do you have change?

Gerry- No, I don't, not this morning.

John- Oh, wait! I found a €20 note.

Gerry- Brilliant, thank you. Here is your change: €5.25.

John- See you next Saturday.

Gerry- See you next week. And good luck with the tortilla!

John- Thanks. See you then. Bye now.

Oral Comprehension

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

Exercise 1:

How many people is John making lunch for altogether?

- a. 7
- b. 15
- c. 5

Exercise 2:

What weight of tomatoes if John buying?

- a. A half kilo
- b. A kilo
- c. A quarter kilo

Exercise 3:

What fruit does John buy?

- a. Raspberries
- b. Blackberries
- c. Strawberries

Exercise 4:

What time is it when John buys his fruit and vegetables?

- a. A quarter past four
- b. Two o' clock
- c. Half three

Exercise 5:

Write out in words the total amount that John's purchases came to:

Grammar

Past simple: affirmative and negative forms

Past simple is used to talk about actions that took place in the past.

Examples:

Did you need something else?

I forgot.

Links:

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

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

<http://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/past-simple.html>

In Ireland

There are lots of places to buy fresh fruits and vegetables in Ireland. All supermarkets have some kind of produce section and there are many independent greengrocers who specialise in providing good quality produce. Some towns and cities will also have a market once or twice a week where local people can sell their home grown fruits and vegetables. Due to the climate in Ireland, many every day fruits and vegetables have to be imported. However, there are lots of Irish grown vegetables that you can enjoy, including cabbage, turnips, potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower and carrots, to name just a few. Potatoes were once the staple food in Ireland and are still very popular in Irish cuisine. Fruits grown here are more limited but include apples, pears, and a variety of berries. County Wexford, in the southeast of the island, is famous for its strawberries, especially in the summer time.

Vocabulary

Fruit	Vegetables	Lunch
Potatoes	Lettuce	Cucumbers
Tomatoes	Dessert	Strawberries
Sweet	Juicy	Expensive
Recommend	Kilo	Price

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

Key

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

- Exercise 1** - c
- Exercise 2** - a
- Exercise 3** - c
- Exercise 4** - b
- Exercise 5** - Fourteen euro and seventy-five cents.