

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 1:

Communication





Introduction

Here are two people discussing the weather in Ireland. The weather in Ireland is very wet. This can be good and it can be bad. Let's see their different views on this topic. This topic is usually the first thing Irish people talk about if they meet casually e.g. at a bus stop. The men discuss travelling plans for the weekend. They also describe their favourite seasons of the year.

Dialogue 1: What's the weather like?

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

		Situation: At home listening to the radio
Paul	Luke	Characters: Luke and Paul

Luke- What will the weather be like tomorrow?

Paul- Why? Are you going somewhere?

Luke- Yes. I'm going with Joanne to Belfast. We're going to hunt some bargains down.

Paul- The weather forecast will be on at seven. It'll be on in a second. Sssshh!

Luke- I must listen to it. Now it's starting. Sssshh! Be quiet!

Forecast from the radio-

There will be sunshine and it will be 18 degrees tomorrow morning. In the afternoon, the sky will be cloudy with rain. The weather will improve in the late afternoon and in the evening there will be sunshine again. On the day after tomorrow there will be sunshine all day and it will be hot with temperatures reaching 24 degrees or more.

Luke- The forecast is very good. It might rain tomorrow afternoon, however, but by then we will be in the city centre. And when we get home, tomorrow night, it should be all nice again.

Paul- What if you went the day after tomorrow? The weather will be beautiful all day.

Luke- Yeah, but then it will be too hot and sticky and that's not nice in a city centre now, is it?

Paul- Be happy it won't be raining.

Luke- Yea, well there's always a chance of rain in Ireland. You know what they say don't you? 'It's either just finished raining or it's just about to start'!

Paul- It keeps the grass green. In the summer, it can be hot only for a few days but it's better than the winter when it's really cold and wet and damp. Be happy we're getting a real summer for a change.

Luke- What is your favourite season?

Paul- Summer, when it is warm and sunny. I don't like autumn at all. It's very cold and wet and damp and it gets very foggy.

Luke- That's funny because I really like it. It's a time of year when you can put the kettle on, make a piping hot cup of tea, and read a book.

Paul- Well, I don't like it. And what about winter? It's very cold and wet and pretty miserable really. You'd need a lot of tea and books!

Luke- Well on such a winter's day, with the correct rain gear and footwear, one can go hiking or walking and they can stay active.

Paul- No, I'd rather read at home.

Oral Comprehension

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

Exercise 1:

What are Luke and Paul having a discussion about?

- a. Work
- b. Travel
- c. Politics

Exercise 2:

Which season does Paul prefer?

- a. Spring
- b. Autumn
- c. Summer

Exercise 3:

In winter, what does Luke say is a good way to keep active?

- a. Reading a book
- b. Going to the seaside
- c. Going walking or hiking

Exercise 4:

According to the forecast, what temperature will it be tomorrow?

- a. Eight degrees
- b. Eighty degrees
- c. Eighteen degrees

Exercise 5:**Fill the gaps:**

Luke: Yea, well there's always a _____ of _____ in Ireland. You know what they say don't you? 'It's either just _____ raining or it's just about to _____'!

Paul: It keeps the _____. In the _____, it can be hot only for a few days but it's better than the _____ when it's really _____ and _____ and _____. Be happy we're getting a real summer for a change.

Grammar

Future Tense using “will”:

“Will” is used in the following situations:

- Spontaneous decisions
- A promise
- An action in the future

Examples:

The weather forecast will be on the radio at seven

The sky will be cloudy with rain

The weather will improve in the late afternoon.

Links:

http://www.grammar.cl/Notes/Future_Will.htm

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

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

In Ireland

Ireland has a mild, temperate climate, which means it never gets very hot or very cold. Typically, summer days are between 18 to 20 degrees Celsius and winter days on average are around 8 degrees Celsius. There is a lot of rain, especially on the west coast, which is what makes the landscape so green, earning Ireland its nickname, 'The Emerald Isle'.

Vocabulary

Weather	Hot	Autumn
Forecast	Foggy	Sunny
Sunshine	Season	Warm
Cloudy	Summer	Cold
Rain	Winter	Damp

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

Key

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

Exercise 1 - b

Exercise 2 - c

Exercise 3 - c

Exercise 4 - c

Exercise 5:

Luke: Yea, well there's always a **chance** of **rain** in Ireland. You know what they say don't you? 'It's either just **finished** raining or it's just about to **start**'!

Paul: It keeps the **grass green**. In the **summer**, it can be hot only for a few days but it's better than the **winter** when it's really **cold** and **wet** and **damp**. Be happy we're getting a real summer for a change.