

Citizenship Language Pack For Migrants in Europe - Extended

English

Multimedia Course in Language and Culture for Migrants

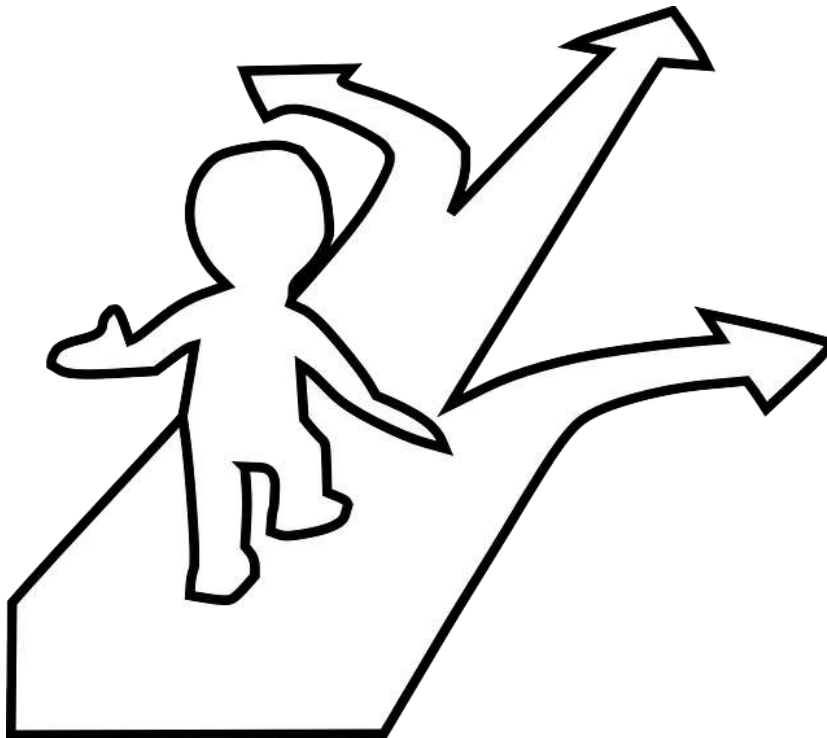
A2 Level

To aid communication in everyday English in Ireland

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Module 11:

Travel

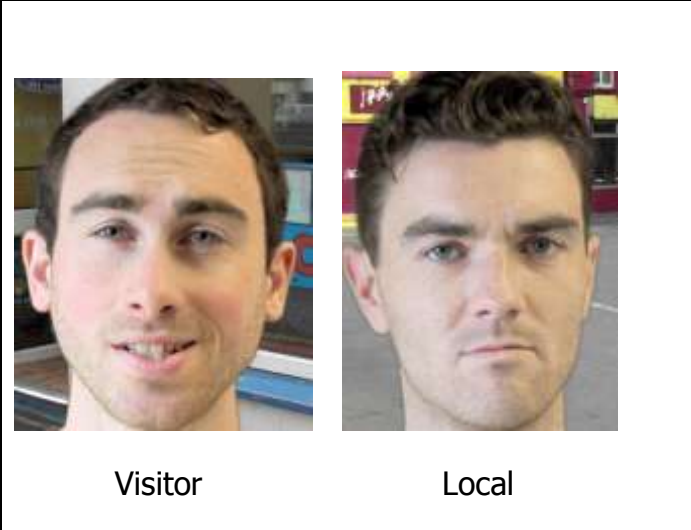


Introduction

Now we have a video where a man needs directions to the local authority, the city council. We learn of some transport issues in Ireland and of the bus system. The old town centres in Ireland can be confusing. There are also many single direction routes throughout the city of Galway. However, Irish people are usually very helpful in giving directions. Do not be afraid to ask for help when lost.

Dialogue 28 – Asking for Directions

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

 <p>Visitor Local</p>	<p>Situation: On the street</p> <p>Characters: A local and a visitor to Galway</p>
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Visitor- Excuse me, Sir. Can I ask you something?

Local- Yes, of course. What is it?

Visitor- I need to go to the city council and they told me that there is one near here. Do you know where it is?

Local- Oh, no. They must have given you the wrong information. The city council is on the other side of the town, on the other side of the river. You're really going to have to get a bus or a taxi.

Visitor- Which bus should I take?

Local- I think you can get the red bus that goes east. I'm not sure but if you walk up the street here – up the main street – and you see the little red bus stop, stop there, wait for the bus, and it will bring you to Eyre Square, the main square of the town. And the city council is only five minutes walking from there, up the hill. You will be best to ask for more directions when you get to Eyre Square.

Visitor- Thank you very much. Do you know if there is a metro station near here because I need to take one later?

Local- A metro, as in a light rail system? No, no such thing exists here in Galway. It used to but not anymore. On your return I think you'd be best to get the white bus, which is the public bus. That's run by Bus Éireann. Those buses are quite frequent. I'm not certain about the red buses – the private bus operators – in that area.

Visitor- OK, perfect. Do you know from where I can buy a bus ticket?

Local- Oh, you can get a bus ticket on the bus itself. But if you're staying around for a while, I highly recommend that you get the monthly ticket or something like that. There's a lot of money to be saved by getting those month long tickets.

Visitor- Thank you very much, Sir. You were very helpful.

Local- See you now. Have a nice day. Bye bye.

Oral Comprehension

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

Exercise 1 – 4:

State whether the following questions are true or false:

- There is no metro system in Galway.
- You buy your ticket for local buses at the bus station.
- The white buses are the public buses and run most frequently.
- Year-long tickets are available to help save money.

Exercise 5:

Fill in the blanks.

Visitor- _____, Sir. Can I ask you _____?

Local- Yes, _____. What is it?

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Grammar

“Must have been” for expressing past possibilities:

Must have + verb in the past participle is the past form of must + the base form of be.

Must have + verb in the past participle is used when the speaker was certain about something and he/she has proof of it.

Example:

They must have given you wrong information.

Links:

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/verbs/modal-verbs/certain-probable-or-possible>

<http://www.grammar-quizzes.com/modal3b.html>

In Ireland

Most large towns in Ireland will have a bus system. If you need to use the buses regularly, it is worth researching what is on offer in terms of buying a monthly ticket or a travel card that you can top up as you go. Often, you can save a lot of money by utilising these options.

Don't be afraid of asking for directions if lost in an Irish town or city. Irish people are usually very friendly, easy going, and eager to help visitors to their area. However, when possible try to ask directions in a place where they will be very informed about the local area and used to dealing with visitors, such as a hotel, a taxi office, or even just a bar, shop, or restaurant. They tend to give more succinct directions. Irish people are chatty and talk a lot so, at times, it can be difficult to follow their directions!

Vocabulary

Excuse me	City council	Town
River	Bus	Taxi
East	Main street	Station
Frequent	Helpful	Directions

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

Key

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

Exercise 1 – 4:

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

Exercise 5:

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