

## 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 3:**

### **Job hunting**





### **Introduction**

Now we see Anna Burke meeting with the jobs advisor, Mr Smyth. They discuss in a friendly manner the type of work Anna is looking for and her previous qualifications, licences, and relevant experience. As part of the session, Mr Smyth asks her about her availability for working during the week and over the weekend. We also are informed of other details from her home life that influence her flexibility as a worker – her husband and her child. We learn about the times and days that she would prefer to work and familial supports like her mother-in-law who can look after the child at weekends if necessary.

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## Dialogue 6: Interview with SOLAS

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

 	<p>Situation: Interview in a jobs centre Characters: Anna Burke and Mr Smyth</p>
<p>Anna Burke      Mr Smyth</p>	

**Mr Smyth-** Good morning, Mrs Burke. Please take a seat.

**Anna-** Good morning, Mr Smyth. Thank you. Here are my documents and ID card.

**Mr Smyth-** So, you're from the North, Mrs Burke, and you graduated in hotel business.

**Anna-** Yes, I graduated with a degree 7 years ago. I have been living in the Republic with my husband and our daughter for the last three years. My daughter is going to kindergarten and I need to return to work.

**Mr Smyth-** Good, I would like to ask you a few important questions in order to prepare your job application. Would you like to work in your profession or could you imagine your future work in a different area?

**Anna-** It would be great to get a job at a hotel or restaurant. I could also possibly work as a cashier or shop assistant.

**Mr Smyth-** Are you able to work weekends?

**Anna-** Oh, that's not a problem. My husband is at home on weekends.

**Mr Smyth-** Very good. And if your daughter is ill, will someone be able to look after her?

**Anna-** Oh, this is not a problem at all. My mother-in-law lives near to us; she can take care of my child.

**Mr Smyth-** Perfect! And do you have a driving licence, Mrs Burke?

**Anna-** Yes, I do – an international one.

**Mr Smyth-** Great. And do you speak any other languages?

**Anna-** Yes, my French is pretty good. I had 4 years of French at school and I have a good deal of German.

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**Mr Smyth**- Hmm. Have you ever worked in your chosen profession?

**Anna**- Yes, 4 years.

**Mr Smyth**- Excellent! So, I took a note of all of that and if I have an interesting job offer for you I will contact you immediately. Is there anything else you'd like to ask me, Mrs Burke?

**Anna**- No thanks, I don't think so.

**Mr Smyth**- Well then that's all for today, so. Have a nice day, goodbye and good luck, Mrs Burke!

**Anna**-Thank you very much, good bye.

## Oral Comprehension

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

### Exercise 1:

How many years ago did Anna graduate?

- a. 3
- b. 4
- c. 7

### Exercise 2:

Anna lives with her daughter and who else?

- a. Her children
- b. Her husband
- c. Her mother-in-law

### Exercise 3:

What languages does Anna speak?

- a. English, French and German
- b. English, Irish and French
- c. English, German and French

**Exercise 4:**

How many years did Anna work in the hotel industry?

- a. Four
- b. Seven
- c. Fourteen

**Exercise 5:**

Who will take care of Anna's daughter if she gets ill?

- a. Her mother
- b. Her husband
- c. Her mother-in-law

## Grammar

### Present Perfect

This tense is used to speak about actions that happened in an unspecified time before now. Unlike with the past simple tense, time is not important.

### Present perfect continuous:

This tense is used to show that the action started in the past and has continued up until now.

### Examples:

I have been living with my husband and our daughter in the Republic for three years.

My daughter has been in Kindergarten since September.

### Links:

#### Present Perfect:

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

<http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/present-perfect-simple>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/verbs/present-tense/present-perfect>



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## In Ireland

SOLAS provides employment services that support access into the labour market for jobseekers at local, regional and national levels, assisting job seekers looking to fill vacancies. These services are delivered by the National Employment Scheme (NES) which operates through 63 Employment Service offices and Local Employment Services offices (LES) throughout the country. These offices are in 24 designated areas of disadvantage and provide fully integrated nationwide services and supports.

### Vocabulary

Take a seat	Degree	Job application
Profession	Hotel	Restaurant
Cashier	Shop assistant	Weekends
Driving licence	International	Languages
Excellent	Interesting	Good luck

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

## Key

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

**Exercise 1** - c

**Exercise 2** - b

**Exercise 3** - a

**Exercise 4** - a

**Exercise 5** - c