

## 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 5:***

### ***Health***




### **Introduction**

Here we have a doctor and a patient. The patient has backache and is in pain. The doctor arranges some tests to find out what is wrong with the patient's back.

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## Dialogue 10 – At the Doctor

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

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**Doctor-** Good morning.

**Patient-** Good morning, doctor.

**Doctor-** How are you? Tell me, how do you feel?

**Patient-** I have a backache.

**Doctor-** How long have you had this pain?

**Patient-** For 2 days now. I was looking for my glasses under the bed.

**Doctor-** And what kind of pain is it?

**Patient-** It is an intense and persistent pain, it hurts me for about 5 minutes, and goes away only to come back even worse, even more intense.

**Doctor-** Where does it hurt exactly?

**Patient-** Further down than my kidneys, on the right hand side.

**Doctor-** Let's see your back. You don't have any bruises and your back is neither swollen nor red.

**Patient-** Yes, my back seems OK on the outside, but on the inside it's very bad.

**Doctor-** I will give you an appointment to have an X-ray taken, in order to see if you have something broken or if it's a temporary pain. Did you have any X-rays done this year?

**Patient-** No, I didn't.

**Doctor-** OK, I ask it because normally you can have it just 3 times per year.

**Patient-** When will the appointment be?

**Doctor-** The day after tomorrow, at 8.30 am, you must go with an empty stomach.

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## Oral Comprehension

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

### Exercises 1 – 4:

**State whether the following sentences are true or false:**

- The patients back is not swollen.
- The patients back is red.
- The pain is above his kidneys.
- You can have an X-ray up to 3 times per year.

### Exercise 5:

**Fill in the gaps:**

**Doctor:** How \_\_\_\_\_ have you had this \_\_\_\_\_?

**Patient:** For \_\_\_\_\_ days now. I was looking for my \_\_\_\_\_ under the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Doctor:** And what \_\_\_\_\_ of pain is it?

**Patient:** It is an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ pain, it hurts me for about \_\_\_\_\_, and goes away only to come back even \_\_\_\_\_, even more \_\_\_\_\_.

## Grammar

### **Present simple tense (third person singular):**

The present simple tense is used to express habits, true actions, and repeated actions.

Normally, in the present simple tense, an "s" is added to the end of the verb when the verb is used with singular nouns or pronouns (he, she, it).

### **Example:**

It hurts for 5 minutes and then it comes back again.

### **Links:**

<http://www.edufind.com/english-grammar/simple-present-tense/>

[http://www.myenglishpages.com/site\\_php\\_files/grammar-lesson-simple-present.php#.VFjC6vmsWs0](http://www.myenglishpages.com/site_php_files/grammar-lesson-simple-present.php#.VFjC6vmsWs0)

[http://www.grammar.cl/Present/Verbs\\_Third\\_Person.htm](http://www.grammar.cl/Present/Verbs_Third_Person.htm)

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## In Ireland

When you come to Ireland, you should always register with a GP, which is short for General Practitioner. GP is the name given to a family doctor who provides services outside of the hospital. A GP's office is often called a 'surgery' or a 'practice'. Usually, you have to be referred to all other health services by a GP. However, a GP will meet most of your healthcare needs, including treating acute and chronic illnesses, preventative care, and health education. Many also provide maternity and infant care services. Anyone can access a GP, even if you do not have papers to be in Ireland. A helpful organisation for some migrants is 'Cairde' (the Irish word for 'friendship'). They work towards improving health inequality for ethnic minorities. Follow the link to visit their website:

<http://cairde.ie/>

You can also find out if you are eligible for free GP visits or a medical card, which entitles you to completely free healthcare, at the following website:

<http://www.hse.ie/medicalcards/>

## Vocabulary

Doctor	Backache	Pain
Intense	Persistent	Worse
Hurt	Kidney	Bruise
Swollen	Red	Stomach
X-ray	Broken	Temporary

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

## Key

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

### Exercises 4 – 5:

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

### Exercise 5:

**Doctor:** How **long** have you had this **pain**?

**Patient:** For **2 days** now. I was looking for my **glasses** under the **bed**.

**Doctor:** And what **kind** of pain is it?

**Patient:** It is an **intense** and **persistent** pain, it hurts me for about **5 minutes**, and goes away only to come back even **worse**, even more **intense**.