

## 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**

In Ireland, pharmacies are often called 'chemists'. At the chemist, you can buy many cosmetics, medicines, and treatments. Chemists sell people the drugs that have been prescribed by their doctor. In this video, we see a man at a pharmacy buying a few items without prescription. We learn some words relating to sickness and ill health. We also learn some words and phrases to do with money.

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## Dialogue 11: At a Chemist

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

 John	 Stephen	<p><b>Situation:</b> Talking to a pharmacist</p> <p><b>Characters:</b> John and Stephen</p>
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**Stephen-** Good morning.

**John-** Good morning.

**John-** Are you being served?

**Stephen-** Not yet. I need a box of plasters and some disinfectant spray.

**John-** How many plasters do you need? Twenty or fifty?

**Stephen-** Twenty, please.

**John-** Do you need anything else?

**Stephen-** Sorry, come again?

**John-** Do you need anything else?

**Stephen-** Oh yes, some tablets for a sore throat.

**John-** Do you want lozenges or tablets?

**Stephen-** A box of lozenges, please. My son likes them.

**John-** How old is your son?

**Stephen-** My son is 8.

**John-** So, I am going to give you a box of lozenges for children under 12 years of age. OK?

**Stephen-** OK, thank you.

**John-** He needs to suck on one every 8 hours.

**Stephen-** Understood. I also need eye drops because I have an eye irritation. I spend a lot of time in front of the computer screen.

**John-** Here you are. Do you need anything else?

**Stephen-** No, thank you. How much is that?

**John-** €14.50, please.

**Stephen-** Can you break a 50? I don't have any change.

**John-** Yes, of course.

**Stephen-** Bye.

**John-** Thank you very much. Goodbye.

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## Oral Comprehension

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

### Exercise 1:

Stephen, the customer, asks for disinfectant spray and what else?

- a. Eye drops
- b. Lozenges
- c. A box of plasters

### Exercise 2:

How old is Stephen's son?

- a. 8 years old
- b. 12 years old
- c. 14 years old

### Exercise 3:

How often should Stephen's son take a lozenge for his sore throat?

- a. Every 12 hours
- b. Every 2 hours
- c. Every 8 hours

#### **Exercise 4:**

**What does spending time in front of the computer cause Stephen to need?**

- a. Eye irritation
- b. Eye drops
- c. Glasses

#### **Exercise 5:**

What is the total cost for all of the items?

- a. €50.00
- b. €14.00
- c. €14.50

## Grammar

### Present simple tense

The structure of a “yes/no” question:

Auxiliary verb: (Do) + Subject + verb + object?

“Do” is used with plural nouns or pronouns (I, You, They, We)

### Examples:

Do you need twenty or fifty?

Do you need anything else?

### Links:

<http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/grammar/frage4.htm>

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

<http://www.grammar.cl/Present/Simple.htm>



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## In Ireland

As explained in the introduction, pharmacies are often called 'chemists' in Ireland. This is an example of how different English speaking countries use different terminology. There are other examples in this video. What would be called 'pills' in the USA, for example, are often called 'tablets' in Ireland. The USA also uses the term 'band aids' instead of 'plasters'. If you don't know what a term means, don't be afraid to ask. Most Irish people know what the alternative terms for various items are, even though they are not in the habit of using them, and will usually be happy to help you understand.

### Vocabulary

Box of plasters

Eye irritation

Tablets

Sore throat

Lozenges

Eye drops

Disinfectant spray

### Other vocabulary for going to the chemist in Ireland:

Cough syrup/cough bottle

Bandages

Painkillers

Headache

Disinfectant cream

Antibiotics

<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** - c