

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, there is both a public and a private hospital system. In the public hospital, it can take a long time to be seen by a doctor. In this video we see Nurse McHale checking on a patient, Albert. People who don't have a well-paid job are usually entitled to a 'medical card'. The medical card is paid for by the state through taxes.

Dialogue 12: At the Hospital

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

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|   <p>Nurse McHale Albert</p> | <p>Situation: In a hospital ward</p> <p>Characters: Nurse McHale and Albert</p> |
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Nurse McHale- Good morning, Albert.

Albert- Hello, good morning.

Nurse McHale- How are you this morning? How was the night for you?

Albert- As you know, yesterday Doctor Sánchez took my appendix out under anaesthesia and I spent the night vomiting.

Nurse McHale- Oh, that's normal, expelling the anaesthetic, you see. I'll take your temperature in a moment.

Albert- I think I have a temperature.

Nurse McHale- You have a temperature of 37.5°, Albert. I'm going to give you a little paracetamol, even though it's not a very high temperature. OK?

Albert- Thank you.

Nurse McHale- You're very welcome, Albert. Now, I am going to take your blood pressure. Your blood pressure is perfect, Albert!

Albert- May I ask you something?

Nurse McHale- Yes of course you can, Albert. What is it?

Albert: How long do I have to stay in bed?

Nurse McHale- I think you'll be able to get up and go for a walk in a few days, Albert.

Albert- Good!

Nurse McHale- Now, you have to rest and relax. Tomorrow, you will feel much better.

Albert- Thank you very much.

Nurse McHale- I'll leave the medicines that Doctor Sánchez prescribed you on your little table next to the bed. OK, Albert?

Albert- When do I have to take them?

Nurse McHale- After lunch. I will visit you again in the afternoon. OK, Albert? And if you need any help just press the little red button next to your bed.

Albert- Which button? I can't see it...

Nurse McHale- This button here.

Albert- Oh OK, now I see it.

Nurse McHale- Now try to eat and sleep for a while, Albert. OK?

Albert- OK, thank you.

Oral Comprehension

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

Exercise 1:

What is Albert's temperature?

- a. 35.5°
- b. 37.5°
- c. 35.7°

Exercise 2:

What must Albert do today?

- a. Rest and relax
- b. Go for a walk
- c. Have his appendix out

Exercise 3:

When should Albert take his medicine?

- a. After lunch
- b. Tomorrow
- c. In the afternoon

Exercise 4:

When should Albert press the red button?

- a. In the afternoon
- b. After lunch
- c. If he needs something

Exercise 5:

Where is the red button?

- a. On a little table
- b. Beside the door
- c. Next to the bed

Grammar

Future Tense using “will”:

“Will” is used in the following situations:

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

Examples:

Tomorrow you will feel better

I'll leave you these medicines

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

There are hospitals in all of the major cities in Ireland. In the case of an emergency, you should go to the Emergency Department, which in Ireland is called A & E. Once you have been treated in A & E, you can be sent home if you are deemed well enough or you can be admitted to a ward. Outside of an emergency, if you are in need of hospital treatment, you will usually need a referral from your GP first. You can watch our video, 'Going to the doctor' to find out more about GP care. 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

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| Appendix | Anaesthesia | Vomiting |
| Temperature | Blood pressure | Medicine |

Other vocabulary related to hospitals in Ireland:

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| A&E (Accident and Emergency) | Ward | Nurse |
| Consultant | Physician | Sick |
| Operation | Tests | Drugs |

Key

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

Exercise 1 - b

Exercise 2 - a

Exercise 3 - a

Exercise 4 - c

Exercise 5 - c