

**TITLE: EXPLAINING MYSELF**

**DATE:** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

**LEVEL: B1.1 SKILL: Spoken Interaction TIMING: 35'**

**Cross Curricular Issues:**

**Individual Work: \_\_\_ Pair Work: X Group Work: \_\_\_**

**PEL LEARNING AIM:** *Although sometimes it is difficult for me to express what I want to say and I need a degree of cooperation from the person I am speaking to... I know how to explain myself in almost all situations which I encounter when I travel to a country where this language is spoken. I can spontaneously participate in a conversation that deals with common topics of personal interest or that are pertinent to everyday life (for example, family, hobbies, work, travel and current affair). I know how to explain myself in most situations that can come up when using certain services, i.e: travel agency.*



You have been in England during the summer learning English. You are due to fly back to Spain but a friend has suggested that you explore Ireland together. You think this is a great idea so you **go to a travel agent's to make the necessary arrangements. Role-play a possible conversation.**

### INFORMATION FOR STUDENT

Have a look at what you want to ask the travel agent. Be prepared to **ask questions** about **times, cost, location**, etc and to **explain** yourself and your choices.

#### REMEMBER:

*Your parents can't pick you up at Madrid airport between 8 and 9 p.m.*

*You can't spend more than 55£ on the Dublin flight.*

*You want to stay in the centre of Dublin to make the most of it.*

#### 1) Change your return flight from London to Spain to July 28

Your ticket details:

**Departure:** London Heathrow, July 21, 12:10

**Arrival:** Madrid Barajas, July 21, 15:30 (+1 hour)

**Carrier:** IBERIA

**Class:** Economy semi-restricted

#### 2) Buy a return flight London Heathrow to Dublin for July 21-28

#### 3) Book cheap accommodation in Dublin.

### INFORMATION FOR TRAVEL AGENT

In order to prepare to help the customer, have a look at the following information.

#### CHANGE OF FLIGHT DATE

-IBERIA- daily flights London Heathrow-Madrid Barajas  
08:15, 10:55, 13:10, 15:35, 17:35, 20:15.

Flight time: 2:20 hours, cost of change: 100£

#### FLIGHTS LONDON-DUBLIN (RETURN JULY 21-28)

**London Heathrow-Dublin:** 06:50- 08:05.

**Dublin-London Heathrow:** 06:40- 08:10.

Carrier: BMI, Price: 95£

**London Stansted-Dublin:** 20:15- 21:30.

**Dublin-London Stansted:** 09:45- 11:00.

Carrier: Ryan Air, 49£

#### BUDGET ACCOMMODATION - DUBLIN

**Hostel, Ashfield House City Centre, city centre.**

Includes: bathroom in room, breakfast.

Price: in shared room for 4 people, 20£ per person/night.

**Hotel, IMI Residence 4\*, 7 km from city centre.**

Includes: buffet breakfast, free internet, gym, swimming pool, shuttle bus to centre (departs every hour), shuttle bus to airport (10 pounds).

Price: double, 30£ per room/night.

### USEFUL VOCABULARY

**Expressing Preferences:** *I'd prefer to..., I'd rather..., I'd like to..., I want..., I prefer +ing*

**Asking About Preferences:** *Would you rather...?, Would you like to...?, Would you prefer to...?, Do you want to...?, Do you prefer +ing...?*

**Travel Agent:** Good morning. How can I help you?

**Student:** Morning. I wonder if you could help me. **I need to change** .....

**TA:** Certainly, can you give me your flight details?

**S:** Here you are. I'd like to return on .....

**TA:** Let me see. Would prefer to fly at ..... (give times information)

**S:** I prefer ..... because .....

**TA:** No problem... (date change: 100 euros charge) (anything else?)

**S:** Yes, I ..... (**buy return flight to Dublin**) for (dates?)

**TA:** ..... (give airlines and times information)

**S:** I ..... (ask for cost)

**TA:** I ..... (give cost and ask airline preference)

**S:** I ..... (give your preference and why)

**TA:** Would you like anything else?

**S:** Yes, the last thing I ..... (**book cheap accommodation in Dublin**)

**TA:** ..... (give options: characteristics)

**S:** ..... (explain what you want and why)

**TA:** OK. Everything is confirmed here are your papers. Have a good day.

**S:** Thank you. Bye.











## HOW TO LEARN

1. Decide if you want to be the STUDENT or the TRAVEL AGENT.
2. Read through all the information in your Student or Travel agent role card.
3. Check with your partner and/or look in the dictionary for any words you don't understand.
4. Check the pronunciation of words you are not sure about ([www.howjsay.com](http://www.howjsay.com)).
5. Have a look at the model dialogue and its instructions in brackets and begin the task as indicated.
6. Make use of the vocabulary provided.
7. Now change roles with your partner and repeat steps 1-5 again.



## (SELF)-EVALUATION

CRITERIA	ME			MY TEACHER		
<b>Level: B1.1</b> <b>Skill: Spoken Interaction</b>						
I followed the dialogue model and the role card chosen.						
I used the suggested vocabulary.						
I explained myself orally to express what I wanted when using the services of a travel agency.						



## EUROPEAN LANGUAGE PORTFOLIO

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