



Language Support for Migrants *A Council of Europe Toolkit*

71 - Scenario: Practising sports in the local environment

Aim: To encourage migrants to gather information about the sports opportunities available in the locality, and to learn the language needed to register at a sport centre, gym or club.

Communicative situations

- Understanding flyers, posters and internet pages about sports activities in the local environment.
- Filling in a registration form for a sport centre, club or gym.

Materials

- A) Flyer or internet page about a local sport centre, gym or sports club.

Language activities

Activity 1

- Ask learners to look at material A), the flyer or internet page, and explain and practise words and expressions that are likely to be new to them.
- Get them to try to read the internet page of flyer in pairs and then check their understanding.

Activity 2

In order to prepare for an activity outside the learning environment, introduce a sample dialogue, such as the following:

A. Good morning, can I do swimming, gym, play basketball, etc] here?

B. Yes, of course!

A. How much does membership cost?

B. 20 euros per month.

A. How many times a week are the [swimming, gym, basketball etc.] sessions?

B. Three afternoons from... to...

A. I first need to improve my fitness. What do you suggest?

B. I'd recommend this training schedule, with these exercises...

A. Thank you.

Check understanding by focusing on the key expressions: "*Can I practise...? How much does it cost...? How many times...? "*

Activity 3

- Suggest a role play along similar lines but varying some elements (the sports activities, the price, etc.) and get learners to practise asking for and giving advice. Allow time for preparation.

Activity 4

- Show learners a registration form for the place where the outside activity will take place.
- Ask learners to fill it out.
- Then, ask them to correct each other's completed forms, encouraging peer support.

Activity 5

- Arrange a meeting with a secretary or coach at the sport centre referred to in the previous activity.
- Prepare the meeting in advance, taking into account the suggestions in Tool 76 - Preparing language support activities in the community with migrants and in Tool 77 – Mapping journeys and the local area with migrants.

Materials

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