

HOW DO I USE LINGUA-MASTER?

Using Lingua-Master on a regular and consistent basis will build your confidence in the language you are studying, and prepare you for the exam.

In the 'Learn and Revise' section, pick a part of a Cuid A, B or C, and read through the transcript as you listen to the recording. Listen to it all the way through, first of all, to get an overview of the topic being discussed.

Now listen to the section again, in more detail. If you don't understand a highlighted word or phrase, click on it for a translation. Take notes of new words and phrases that you hear.

Finally, listen to the recording once more from beginning to end. This structure - listening to the content all the way through and then in stages - is the way the Aural exam will be presented to you.

Ideally, you should be able to put your Irish into practice: to speak it. Try to organise with a person or a group of people to have regular conversations in Irish. Talk about everyday situations: your family life, hobbies and pastimes. Make an effort to incorporate the new words and phrases that you learn with Lingua-Master into these conversations, and into other school activities: essays or role plays.

If you use Lingua-Master diligently throughout the year you can be guaranteed to achieve your full potential in the Aural exam.

Lingua-Master is an invaluable tool, not only for the oral and aural, but for all areas of language learning.

THE 'TEST YOURSELF' SECTION

This section enables you to test yourself under rigorous exam conditions.

Alternatively, you can use the recordings, transcripts and on-click dictionary to help you answer the questions.

On selecting a button from the Main Menu you have the option of 'Ordinary' or 'Higher' level. The official Department of Education exam paper for that year and level appears on the screen.

Click the 'Play' button to start the Department of Education recording.

The Player Bar will stop automatically: the answer to the question on which you are working is contained in this part of the recording.

If you want, you can click the 'Re-play' button to hear the recording numerous times.

Remember, though, that in the exam you will hear it 3 times, so it is good practice to try and get your answer within 2 re-plays.

You can type your answers directly on the screen. Or you might prefer to click the 'Print' button and print the exam questions onto paper. If you bought past exam papers in a shop, you can write the answers there.

When you have finished filling in your answers, click the 'Show Answers' button to view the correct answers to the questions, and check them against your own ones.