



Online Linguistic Support

Language Course
User Guide
for Erasmus+ OLS Mobility
Participants

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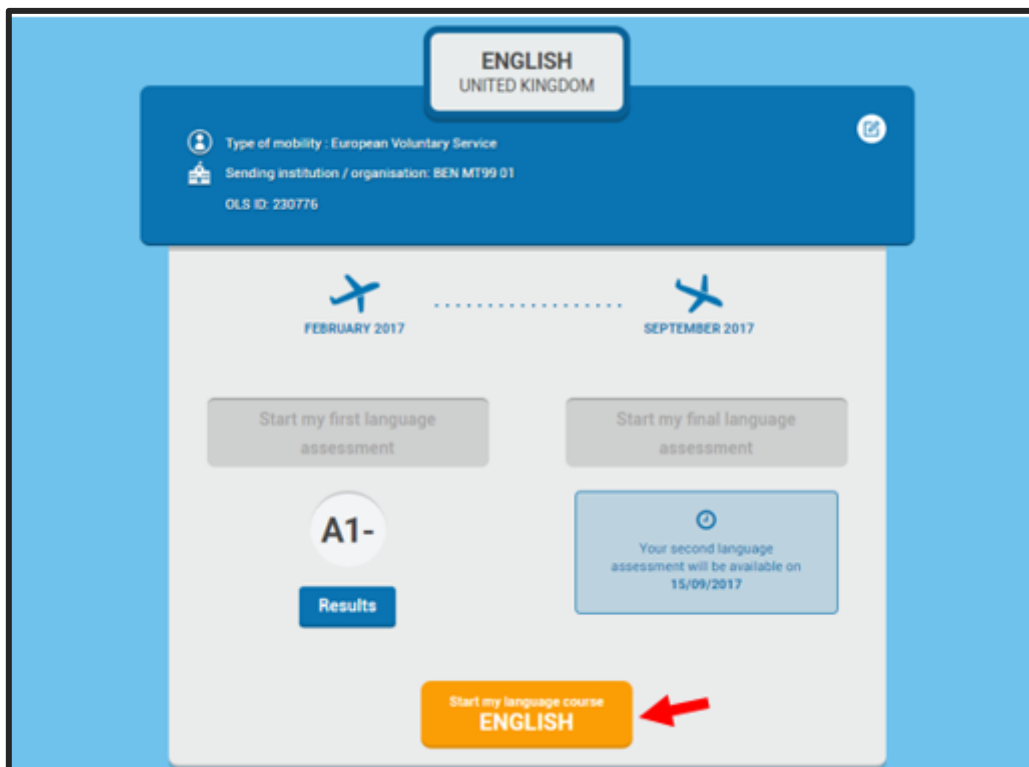
1. Introduction

Welcome to the Online Linguistic Support website for the Erasmus+ OLS programme, which includes online language courses for Higher Education students, trainees, European Voluntary Service (EVS) volunteers and Vocational Education and Training (VET) students who benefit from a long-term mobility activity!

This user guide is designed to help you get started on your training quickly and efficiently.

2. Access and Connection to the Erasmus+ OLS Website

After completing your first language assessment, you will receive an invitation by email to sign up for an online language course, if a language course licence has been assigned to you by your sending institution/coordinating organisation. From this point onwards, you will be able to access the course by logging on to the Erasmus+ OLS website with the same login credentials you used for the language assessment.



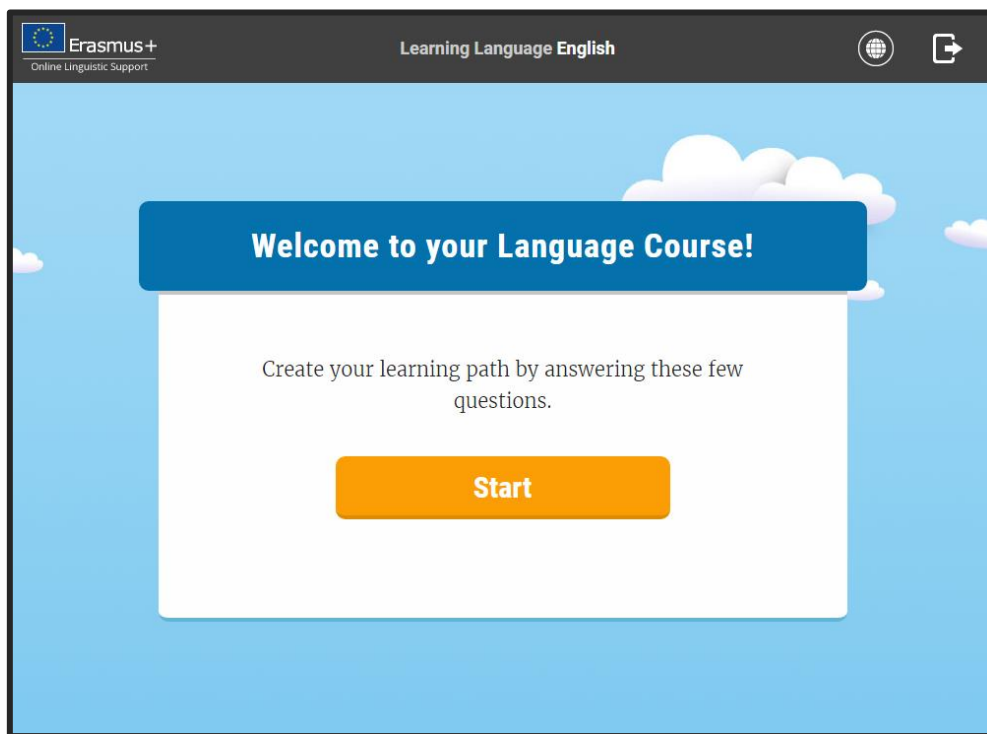
Please note: In the context of multiple mobilities, you may have already obtained a language course licence. If you receive additional access to a language course in connection with your new mobility and the same learning language, your progress is recorded and your access period will be extended to your new mobility dates.

3. My OLS Language Course

3.1. Creating My Learning Path

When you first access the **Erasmus+ OLS** website, you will be asked a series of questions designed to help create a personalised learning path for you. This step, in addition to the results from your first language assessment, determines the information that appears on your home page and the way you navigate the activities on the site.

However, this is not compulsory, and if you decide to start your language course without completing the needs analysis, you can go back to do it later.

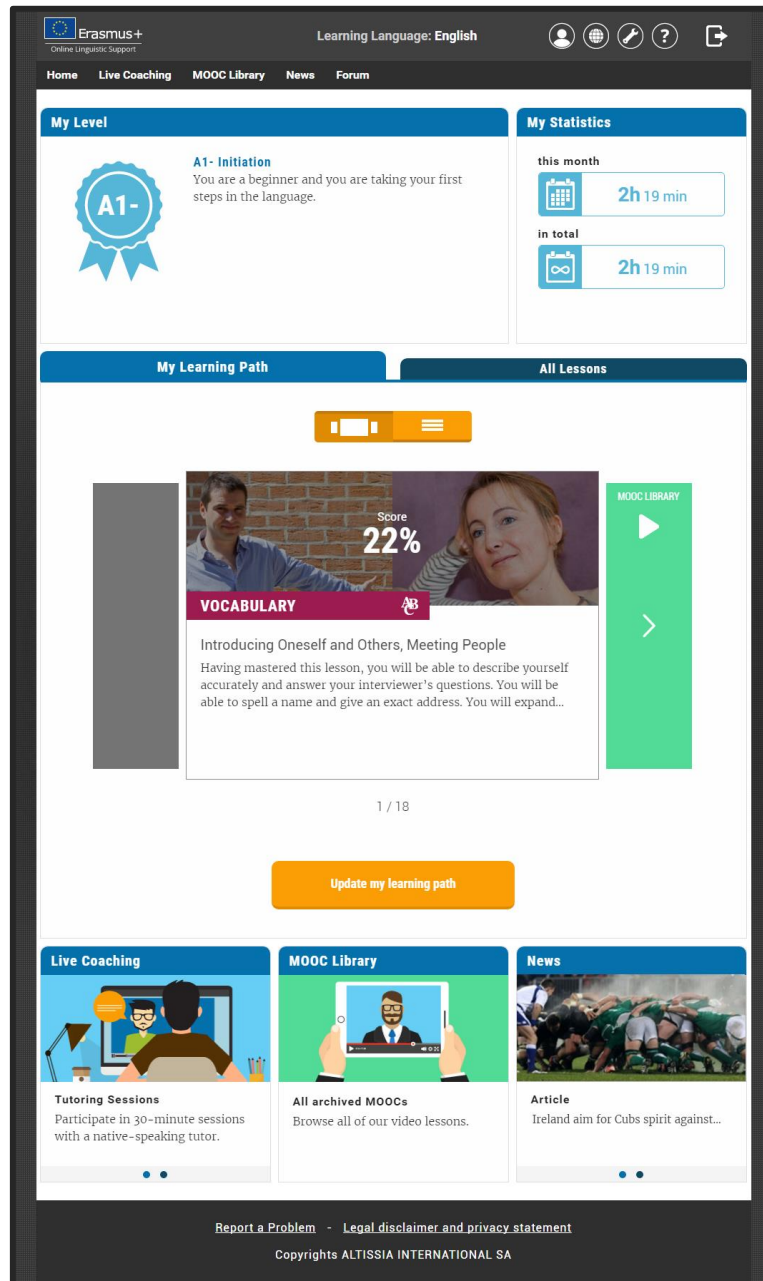


Please note: If you participate in an OLS language course in the local language, you will be asked to provide a self-assessment of your acquired level in this language, as you will have taken the first language assessment in another language

3.2. Navigating Through My Lessons

On the Erasmus+ OLS Language Course home page, you can access study activities and other tools, such as your profile, history, scores and help options.

You will also be able to view your learning path here.



Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support

Learning Language: English

Home Live Coaching MOOC Library News Forum

My Level

A1- Initiation
You are a beginner and you are taking your first steps in the language.

My Statistics

this month
2h 19 min

in total
2h 19 min

My Learning Path All Lessons

VOCABULARY Score 22%

Introducing Oneself and Others, Meeting People
Having mastered this lesson, you will be able to describe yourself accurately and answer your interviewer's questions. You will be able to spell a name and give an exact address. You will expand...

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Update my learning path

Live Coaching **MOOC Library** **News**

Tutoring Sessions
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All archived MOOCs
Browse all of our video lessons.

Article
Ireland aim for Cubs spirit against...

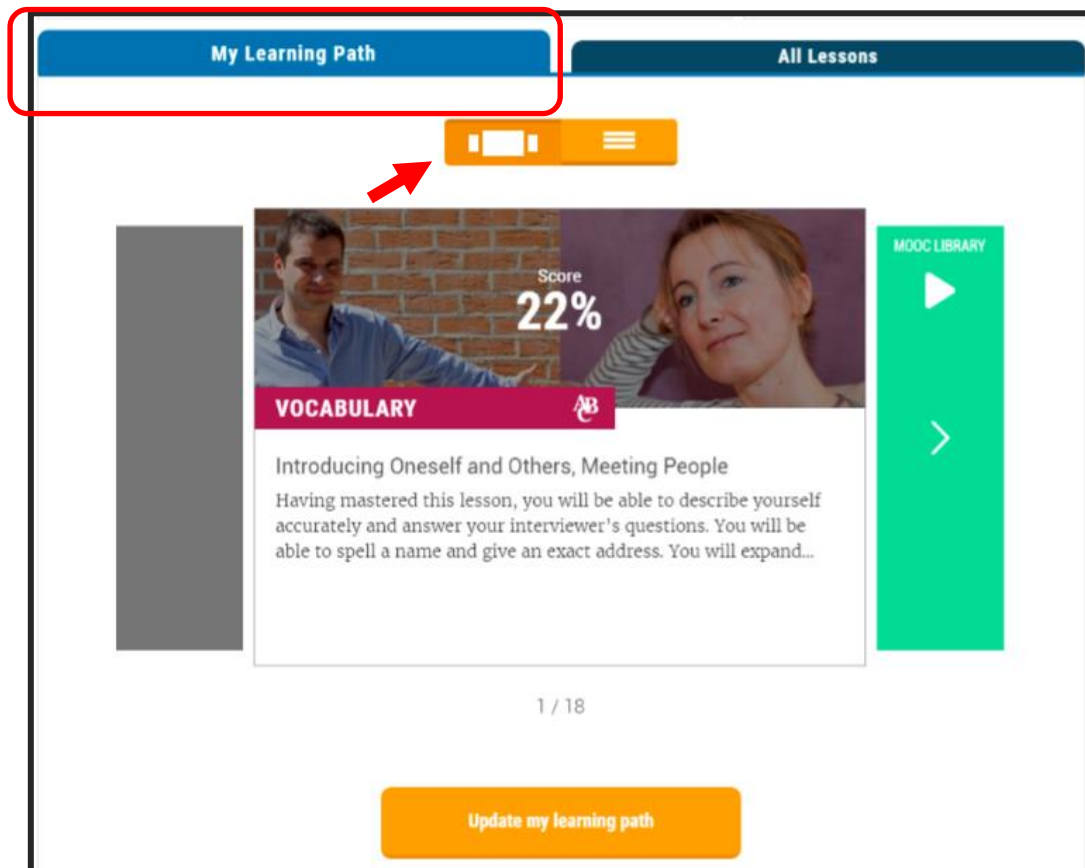
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Please note: Some features on the platform are only available in certain learning languages, so the home page may vary from one language course to another. To familiarise yourself with the study activities that your particular language course gives you access to, please refer to [the following document](#).

3.2.1. My Personalised Learning Path

Your home page shows the results of your first language assessment or that of your own self-assessment, and it will suggest the first activity to start your personalised learning path. This learning path is personalised to your needs and interests, and will guide you through your language course. Updating your learning path at any time will refresh your content, offering you new content to discover.

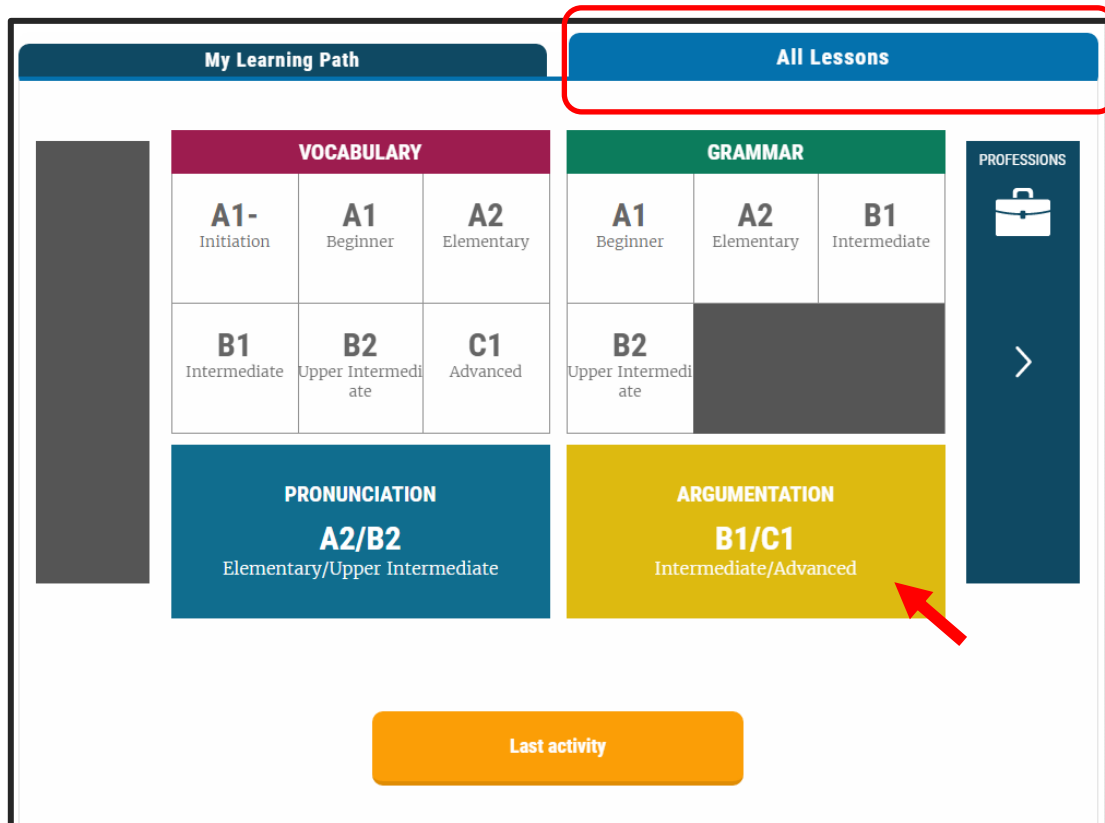
The home page is, by default, activated to show you the **'My Learning Path'** tab. Within this tab, there are two possible display options: the first is a horizontal display in which you can click right or left to navigate, and the second is a list display which shows all your activities in a list format.



3.2.2. All Lessons (free navigation)

The 'All Lessons' tab gives you direct access to all of the learning resources available on the Erasmus+ OLS website.

If you chose not to respond to the needs analysis on your first connection, your home page will always display, by default, the 'All Lessons' tab. You are, therefore, completely free to choose the self-study modules you prefer, and you can choose to navigate freely on the platform.



3.3. Available Activities

Depending on your learning language, up to five types of activity are available to you. You can freely browse from one to another depending on your objectives and your level.

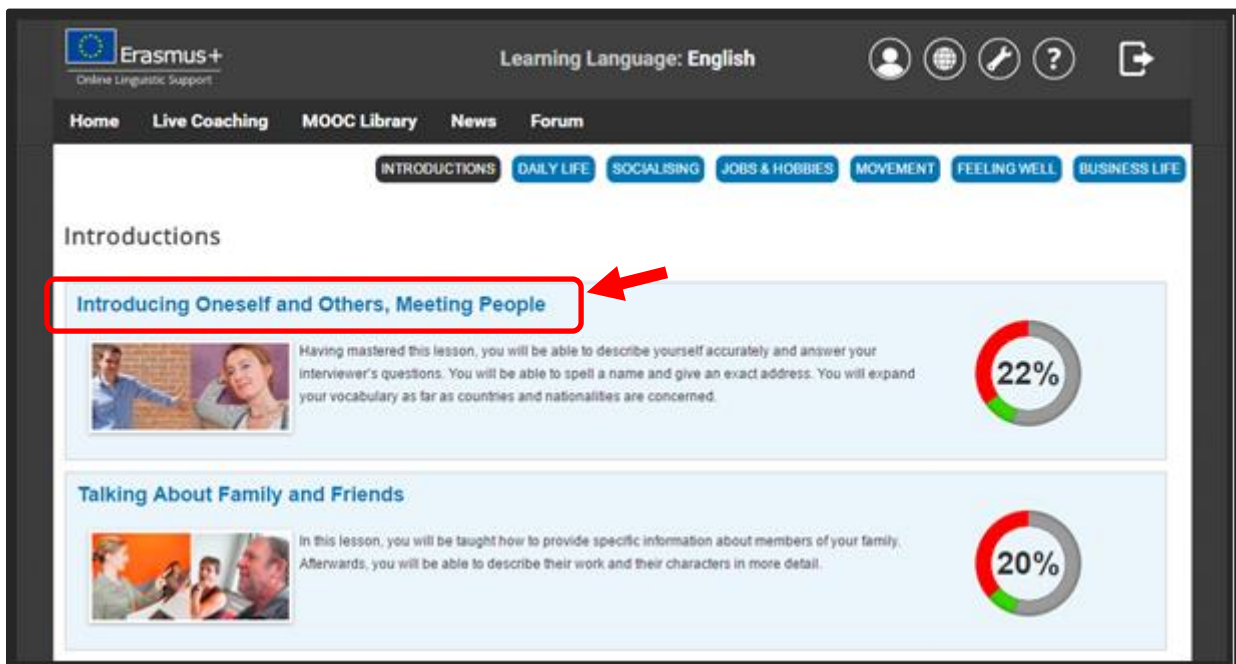
- The "My Learning Path" and "All Lessons" tabs provide access to the **self-study modules**.
- The "**Live Coaching**" feature enables access to two types of activity: tutoring sessions and MOOCs.
- The **MOOC library** enables a free access to all MOOC sessions which have already been broadcasted live.
- The "**Forum**" is a place for communicative exchanges with other participants.
- The "**News**" section features videos and articles.

3.3.1. Language Course modules

3.3.1.1. "Vocabulary" Module

A. Studying a Lesson

To choose a lesson, click on its title or image. A pie chart will either turn green and/or red, depending on the number of activities you complete and the results of your summary test.

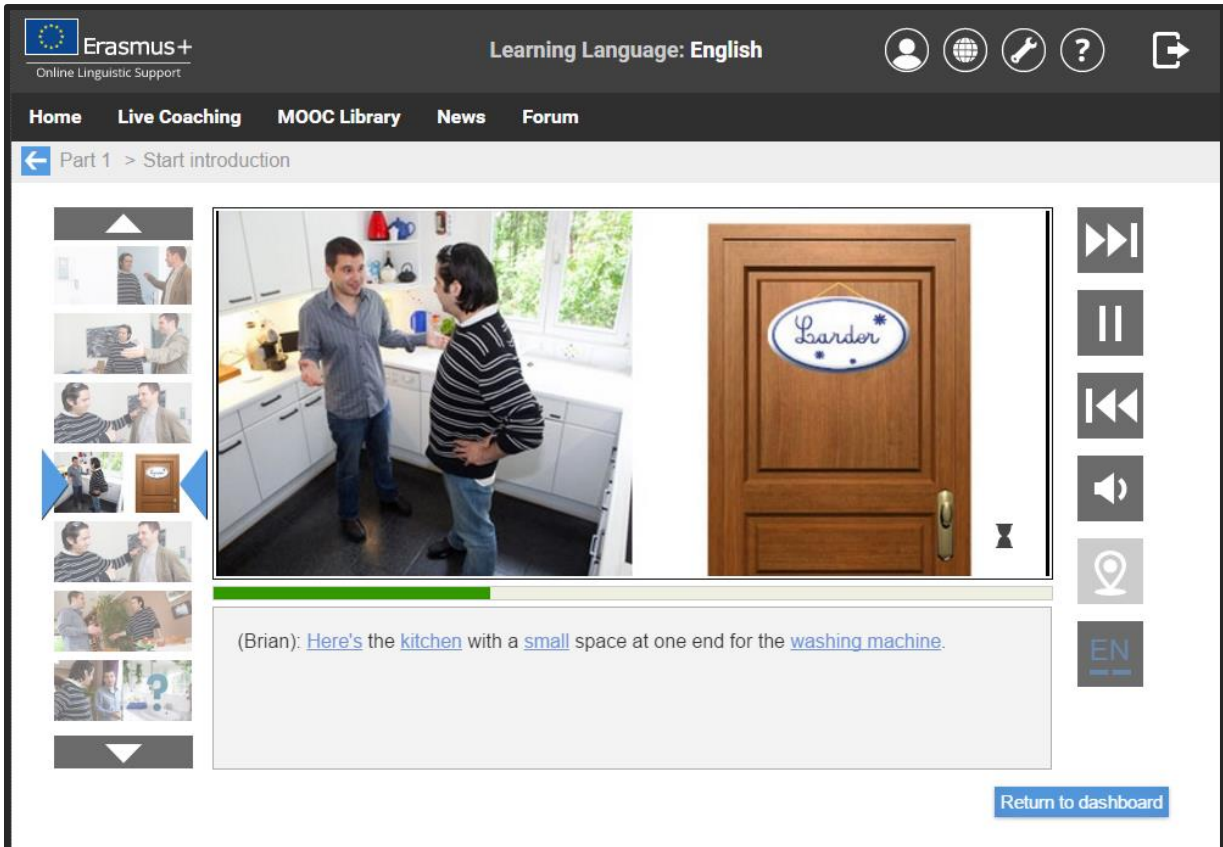


The screenshot displays the Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support interface for the "Learning Language: English" course. The navigation menu includes Home, Live Coaching, MOOC Library, News, and Forum. Below the menu, there are tabs for various topics: INTRODUCTIONS, DAILY LIFE, SOCIALISING, JOBS & HOBBIES, MOVEMENT, FEELING WELL, and BUSINESS LIFE. The "Introductions" section is highlighted, and a red box and arrow point to the lesson title "Introducing Oneself and Others, Meeting People". This lesson has a progress indicator of 22%. Below it, the "Talking About Family and Friends" lesson is shown with a progress indicator of 20%.

Lesson Title	Progress
Introducing Oneself and Others, Meeting People	22%
Talking About Family and Friends	20%

B. How it Works

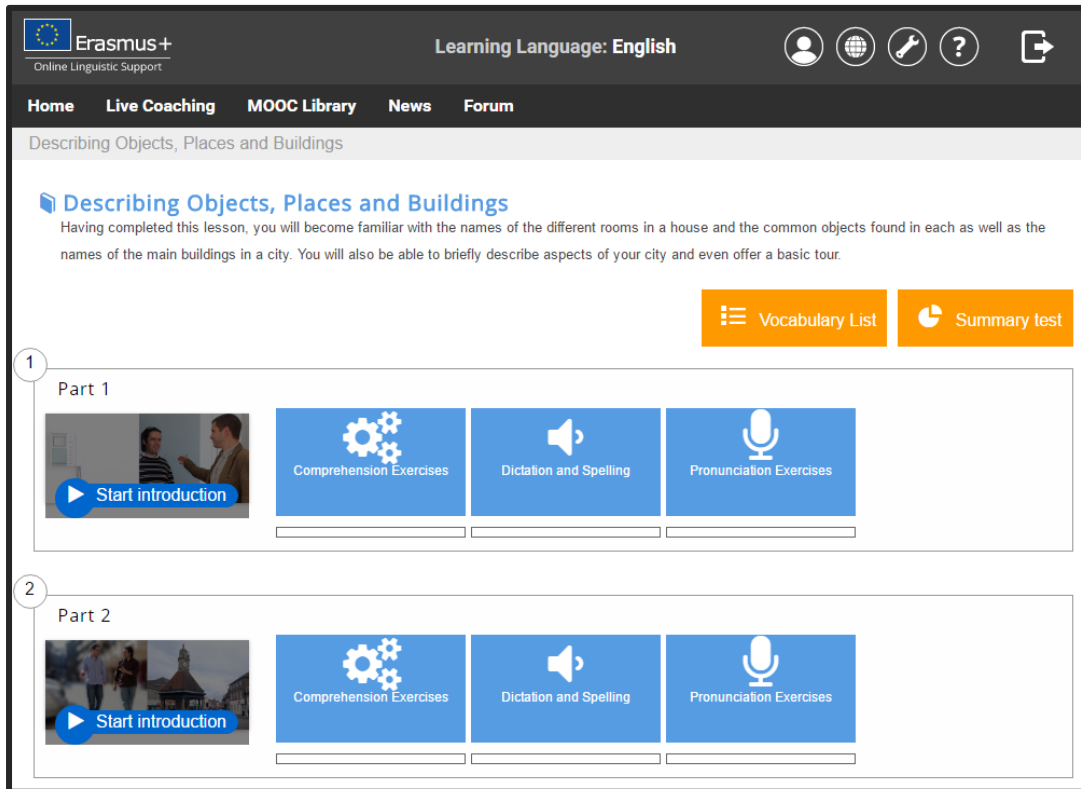
When you click on a theme, you will see an animation in which key words and expressions have been highlighted. Each animation is made up of a group of exercises that allow for quick revision and practice of the target vocabulary.



The screenshot shows the Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support interface. At the top, it displays the Erasmus+ logo and the text "Online Linguistic Support". The main header indicates "Learning Language: English" and includes navigation icons for user profile, globe, settings, help, and share. Below the header, there are menu options: Home, Live Coaching, MOOC Library, News, and Forum. The current page is "Part 1 > Start introduction". The main content area features a video player with a thumbnail strip on the left. The video shows two men in a kitchen; one is pointing towards a door. The door has a sign that says "Larder". Below the video, there is a subtitle: "(Brian): Here's the kitchen with a small space at one end for the washing machine." A "Return to dashboard" button is located at the bottom right of the video player.

For each animation, three exercises are recommended:

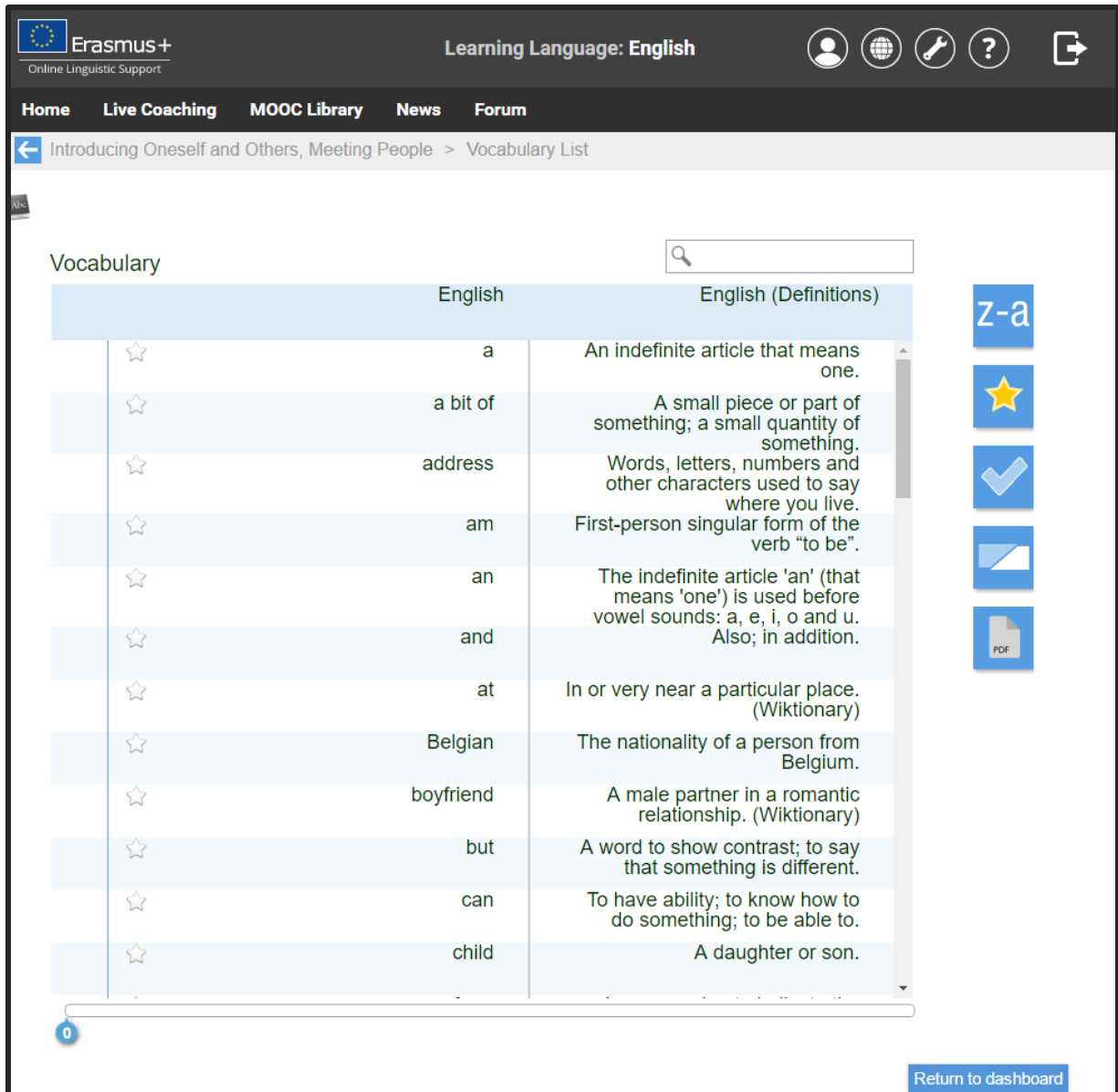
- The "**comprehension exercises**", centred on the understanding and use of vocabulary presented in the animations,
- The "**Dictation and spelling**" exercises, centred on the spelling of key words in the animations, and
- The "**Pronunciation exercises**", which help you correctly pronounce the words and sentences you have learnt. These exercises require the use of earphones equipped with a microphone. It is advised that microphone settings be adjusted for best results.



The screenshot shows the Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support interface. At the top, it displays the Erasmus+ logo, the text 'Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support', and 'Learning Language: English'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Live Coaching', 'MOOC Library', 'News', and 'Forum'. The main content area is titled 'Describing Objects, Places and Buildings'. It includes a sub-header 'Describing Objects, Places and Buildings' and a paragraph: 'Having completed this lesson, you will become familiar with the names of the different rooms in a house and the common objects found in each as well as the names of the main buildings in a city. You will also be able to briefly describe aspects of your city and even offer a basic tour.' To the right of this text are two orange buttons: 'Vocabulary List' and 'Summary test'. Below this are two sections, 'Part 1' and 'Part 2', each containing a 'Start introduction' button, a 'Comprehension Exercises' button, a 'Dictation and Spelling' button, and a 'Pronunciation Exercises' button. Each exercise button has a corresponding icon (gears, speaker, and microphone respectively) and a progress bar below it.

C. How to Use the Vocabulary List

The "**Vocabulary List**" tab gives you access to the vocabulary seen in the lesson. It includes words and phrases that you will have become familiar with during the comprehension, dictation and pronunciation exercises.



The screenshot shows the Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Live Coaching', 'MOOC Library', 'News', and 'Forum'. The current page is 'Introducing Oneself and Others, Meeting People > Vocabulary List'. The main content area is titled 'Vocabulary' and features a search bar and a table of words with their definitions. A vertical toolbar on the right contains icons for 'z-a', a star, a checkmark, a document, and a PDF icon. A 'Return to dashboard' button is located at the bottom right of the interface.

English	English (Definitions)
a	An indefinite article that means one.
a bit of	A small piece or part of something; a small quantity of something.
address	Words, letters, numbers and other characters used to say where you live.
am	First-person singular form of the verb "to be".
an	The indefinite article 'an' (that means 'one') is used before vowel sounds: a, e, i, o and u.
and	Also; in addition.
at	In or very near a particular place. (Wiktionary)
Belgian	The nationality of a person from Belgium.
boyfriend	A male partner in a romantic relationship. (Wiktionary)
but	A word to show contrast; to say that something is different.
can	To have ability; to know how to do something; to be able to.
child	A daughter or son.

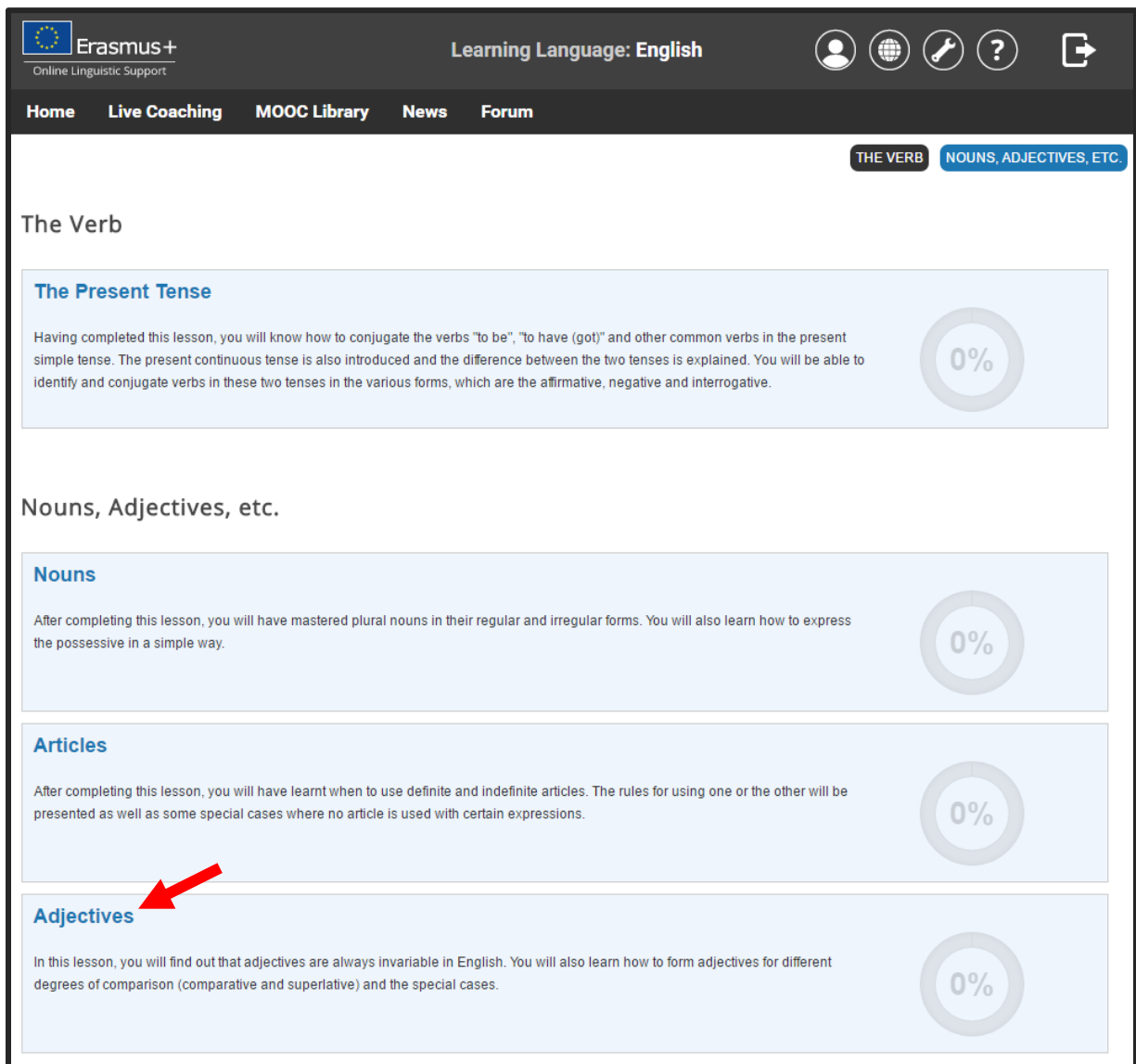
D. Summary Test

The summary test is centred on vocabulary you will have come across during the lesson. The objective is to ensure that you have acquired this key vocabulary during the lesson. At the end of the test, you will get your score as well as the corrections. You will be able to revise the summary test or learn unfamiliar words through repetition in order to memorise them. After completing the summary test, you can go back over the vocabulary list of the lesson you have been tested on. You will notice that a "V" is inserted next to words you transcribed correctly during the test and an "X" next to words you had difficulty with.

3.3.1.2. "Grammar" Module

A. Studying a Lesson

To choose a specific lesson, click on its title or image. Depending on your learning language, several categories are available, such as verbs, determiners, word order, etc. Each category consists of several themes. Select a theme and then start the lesson by clicking on its title.



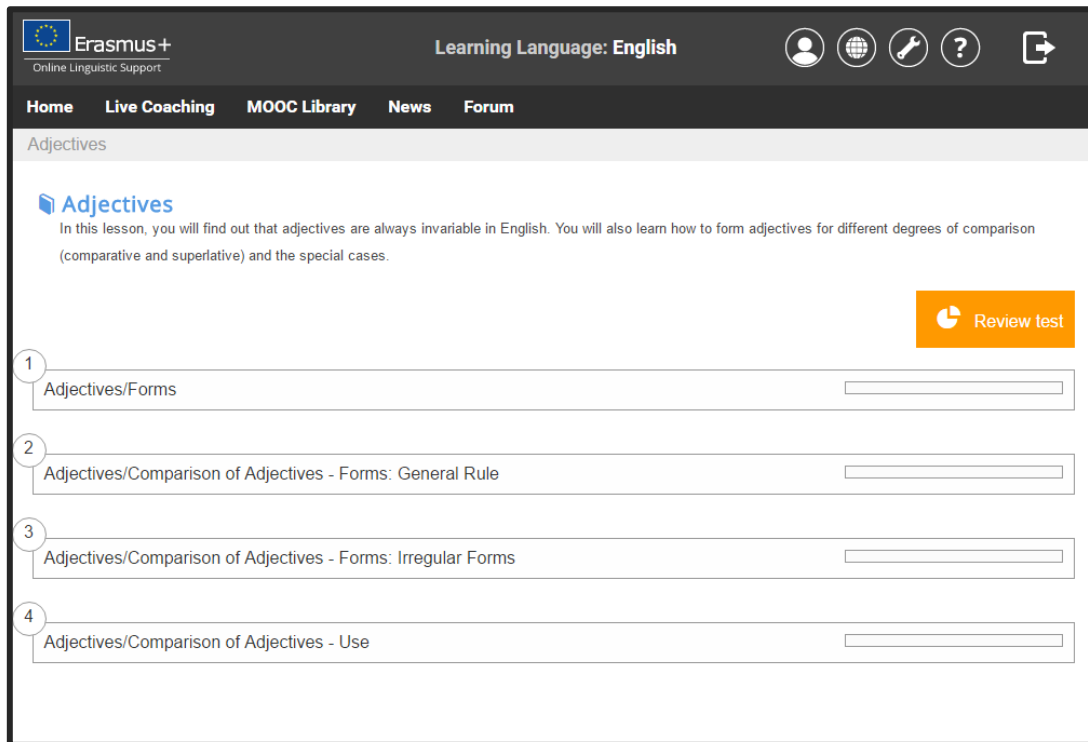
The screenshot displays the Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support interface for English learning. The top navigation bar includes the Erasmus+ logo, the text "Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support", and the title "Learning Language: English". There are icons for user profile, globe, settings, help, and share. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for "Home", "Live Coaching", "MOOC Library", "News", and "Forum". On the right side, there are two active tabs: "THE VERB" and "NOUNS, ADJECTIVES, ETC.". The main content area is titled "The Verb" and lists four lesson categories, each with a 0% progress indicator:

- The Present Tense**: Having completed this lesson, you will know how to conjugate the verbs "to be", "to have (got)" and other common verbs in the present simple tense. The present continuous tense is also introduced and the difference between the two tenses is explained. You will be able to identify and conjugate verbs in these two tenses in the various forms, which are the affirmative, negative and interrogative.
- Nouns**: After completing this lesson, you will have mastered plural nouns in their regular and irregular forms. You will also learn how to express the possessive in a simple way.
- Articles**: After completing this lesson, you will have learnt when to use definite and indefinite articles. The rules for using one or the other will be presented as well as some special cases where no article is used with certain expressions.
- Adjectives**: In this lesson, you will find out that adjectives are always invariable in English. You will also learn how to form adjectives for different degrees of comparison (comparative and superlative) and the special cases.

A red arrow points to the "Adjectives" category.

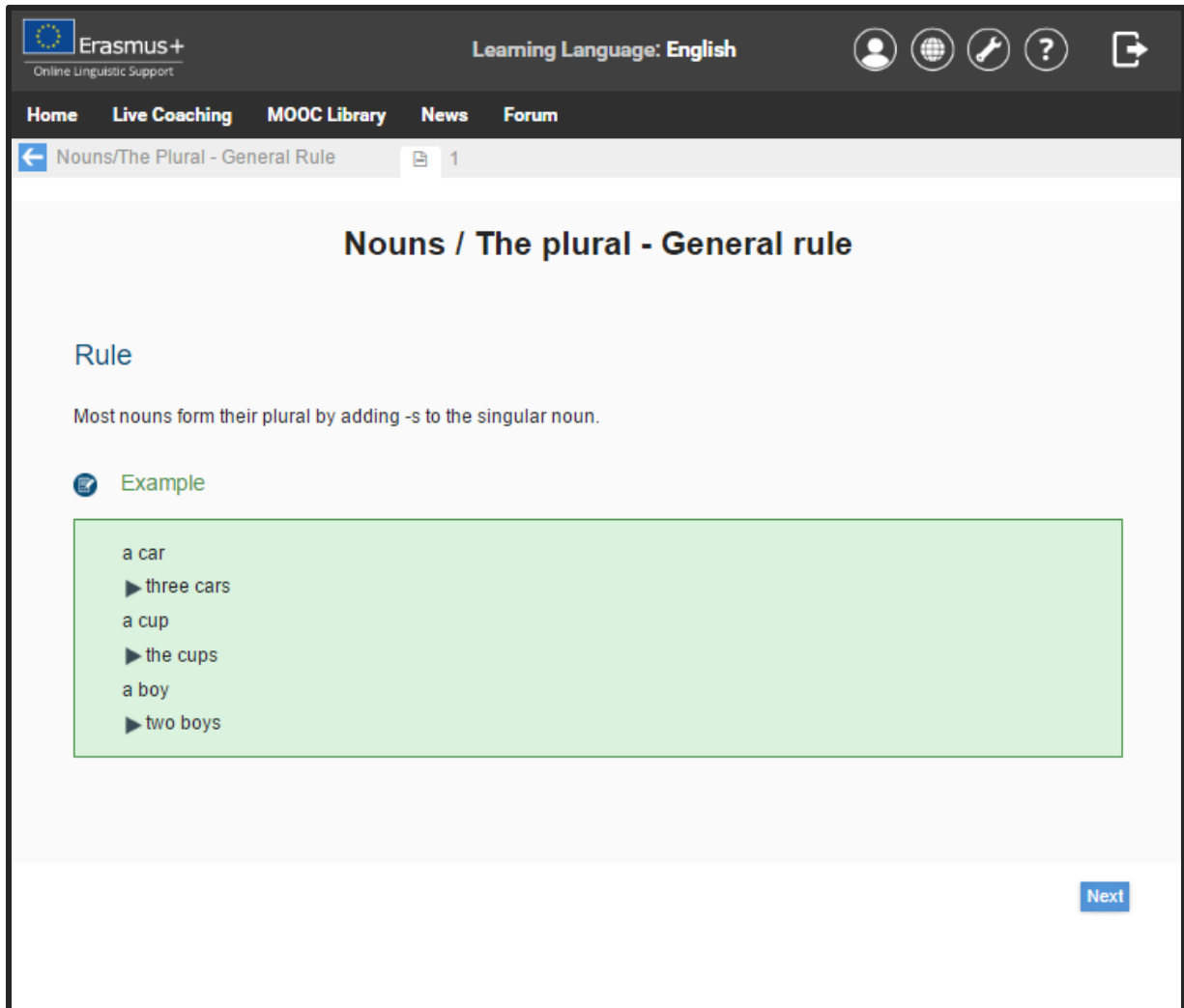
B. Grammar Rules and Exercises

Click on the title of a section to access to it. The grammar rule for this lesson will then be displayed. Each grammar rule is accompanied by exercises that you can attempt by clicking on the numbers that appear in the menu bar.



The screenshot shows the Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support interface for the 'Adjectives' lesson. The top navigation bar includes the Erasmus+ logo, 'Online Linguistic Support', 'Learning Language: English', and user icons. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Home', 'Live Coaching', 'MOOC Library', 'News', and 'Forum'. The main content area is titled 'Adjectives' and contains the following text: 'In this lesson, you will find out that adjectives are always invariable in English. You will also learn how to form adjectives for different degrees of comparison (comparative and superlative) and the special cases.' To the right of this text is an orange 'Review test' button. Below the text, there is a list of four numbered items, each with a corresponding number in a circle to its left and a small rectangular box to its right:

- 1 Adjectives/Forms
- 2 Adjectives/Comparison of Adjectives - Forms: General Rule
- 3 Adjectives/Comparison of Adjectives - Forms: Irregular Forms
- 4 Adjectives/Comparison of Adjectives - Use



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3.3.1.3. "Pronunciation" Module (exclusively for the English course)

The "Pronunciation" module enables you to improve your speaking skills, including the pronunciation of English vowels, consonants and diphthongs. Each sound comes with an example as well as its phonetic transcription. It is advised that you watch the video and try to emulate these sounds and words.

3.3.1.4. "Argumentation" Module

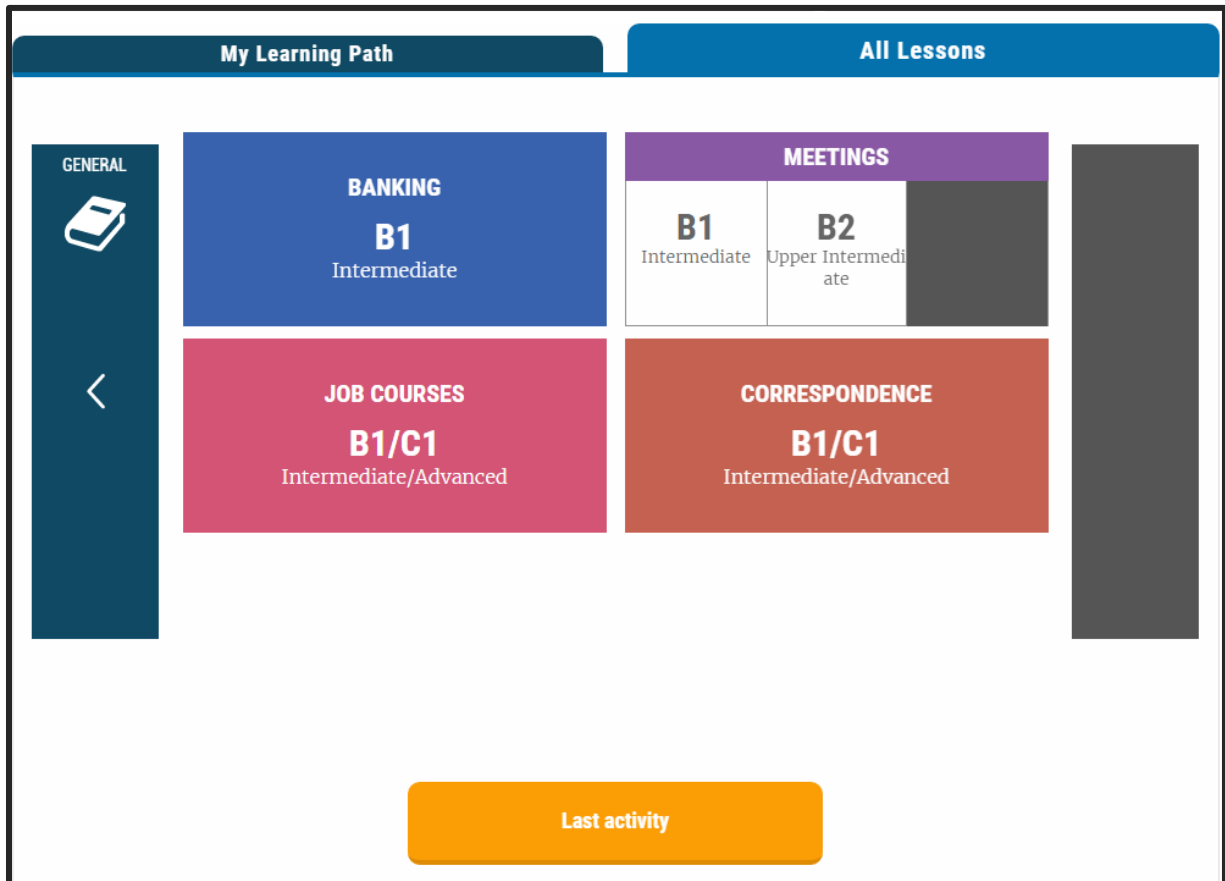
The "**Argumentation**" module is a course designed to train you in articulating your ideas and supporting arguments. It is based on real life examples, enabling you to study commonly used expressions on topics such as work, marriage, politics, entertainment, etc. This module is exclusively available from the B1 (intermediate) level up to the C1 (advanced) level.

Recommendations:

- **Watch the video:** Immerse yourself in the language and choose to work on it, with or without subtitles. Click on words to display the meanings of new expressions in the animation.
- **Expand your vocabulary:** The "Vocabulary List" provides a list of key words as well as their definitions, allowing you to expand your knowledge of the language.
- **Check your understanding:** Test your new knowledge by trying out the comprehension and vocabulary exercises.
- **Give an opinion on the theme in question:** The "Follow-Up" section is designed for teachers and groups of learners in order to stimulate debates and the exchange of ideas.

3.3.1.5. "Professions" Module

The "**Professions**" module is intended for participants who obtained a minimum B1 level in the initial language assessment. It provides more specialised themes, directly concerned with professional industries or with their context. Be it "**Banking**", "**Job courses**", "**Correspondence**" or "**Meetings**"; vocabulary and activities within these modules have been purposefully adapted for the professional world.



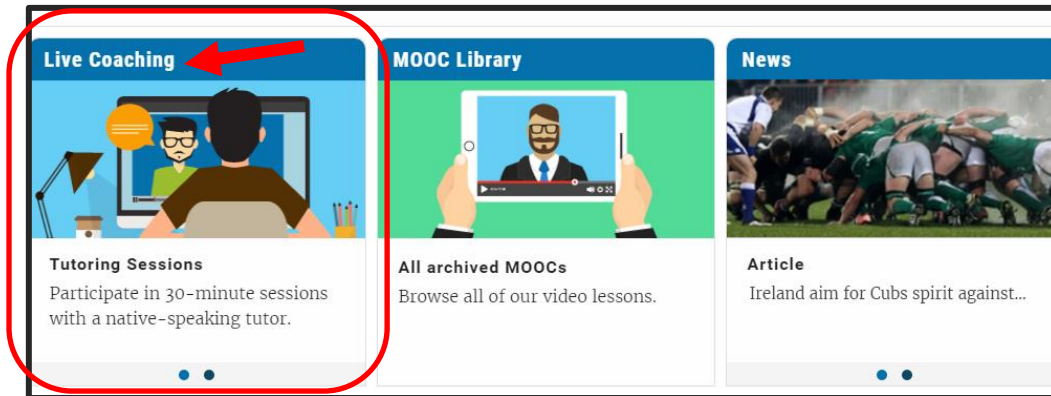
The screenshot displays a user interface for 'My Learning Path' and 'All Lessons'. On the left, a dark blue sidebar contains a 'GENERAL' section with a book icon and a back arrow. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features three lesson cards: 'BANKING B1 Intermediate' (blue), 'JOB COURSES B1/C1 Intermediate/Advanced' (pink), and 'CORRESPONDENCE B1/C1 Intermediate/Advanced' (red). The right column features a 'MEETINGS' section with a purple header and two sub-sections: 'B1 Intermediate' and 'B2 Upper Intermediate'. A yellow button labeled 'Last activity' is positioned at the bottom center.

Each lesson is accompanied by comprehension exercises, dictation and spelling exercises. This section is conceptualised using the same structure as the aforementioned "vocabulary" module which is explained above.

3.3.2. Live Coaching

"**Live Coaching**" is an activity composed of 2 modules and is accessible from your home page:

- The **MOOCs** are educational, interactive videos designed by native-speaking tutors of the language. During the lesson you have the option to chat with your tutor as well as with the other participants.
- The **tutoring sessions** are private online lessons. An experienced tutor (and native-speaker) is in charge of each session. You can interact with the tutor and with the other participants (maximum six participants).



On your live coaching dashboard, you will be able to see all scheduled tutoring sessions and MOOCs. Once you have found a session that you are interested in, click on "Register".

Your Scheduled Session(s)

Date	Hour	Theme	Type	Level
You have not scheduled a live coaching session. Do you wish to book one?				

Upcoming MOOC(s)

Date	Hour	Tutor	Remaining places	Theme	Level	
10/02/2017	07:30	teacher01 teacher01	∞	TestDummyTheme100	A	Register
16/02/2017	10:00	Levy Ray	∞	Nature and Environment - EN301	C	Register
23/02/2017	10:00	Levy Ray	∞	How much is it? (Shopping) - Beginners/Refugees - EN703	A	Register

[See all upcoming sessions](#)

Upcoming Tutoring Session(s)

Date	Hour	Tutor	Remaining places	Theme	Level	
10/02/2017	15:30	Cowell David	2	Presentations - EN602	C	Register
10/02/2017	19:30	Killen Andrew	2	The Agriculture Industry (Vocational Education and Training: VET) - EN409	B	Register
10/02/2017	20:30	Killen Andrew	3	The Automotive Industry (Vocational Education and Training: VET) - EN403	B	Register
11/02/2017	11:30	Cowell David	2	Hello! (Greetings and Introductions) - Beginners/Refugees - EN701	A	Register

The classroom will open 10 minutes prior to the start of the session. To enter the class, click on "**Access to classroom.**"

Your Scheduled Session(s)

Date	Hour	Theme	Type	Level	
16/02/2017	10:00	Nature and Environment - EN301	MOOC	C	Access to classroom No

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3.3.2.1. Live MOOCs

Each session is centred on a specific topic. The topics and levels of the sessions will be displayed every week on the dashboard. Sessions are offered on an alternating basis for levels A, B and C.

You can participate in as many MOOCs as you like, if you are registered. No tokens are required to register for the MOOCs.

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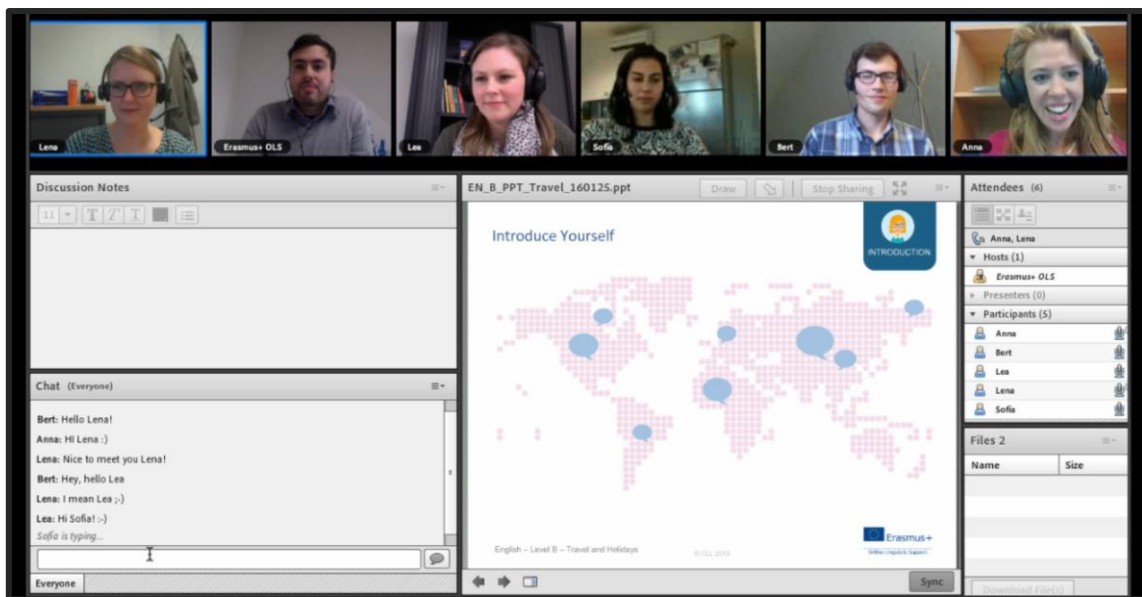
During the MOOC, you will have the opportunity to chat with your tutor and with other participants; for instance, to ask for an explanation of a particular theme or phrase.

3.3.2.2. Tutoring sessions

The tutoring sessions enable interaction with a tutor and with other participants. Share your experiences and benefit from individual feedback during a lesson, with up to a maximum of six participants! During these sessions, you can participate in games, debates, role plays, challenging exercises and more. These activities will help to improve your pronunciation, vocabulary and develop your confidence in speaking.

You have a choice between the following sessions:

- **Theme-based sessions:** the tutor chooses the theme of the session; and
- **Open-topic sessions:** the participants choose the theme of the session at the start of the class.



3.3.2.3. Organisation and Registration

A. Tokens

The tutoring sessions last 30 minutes each and can host up to a maximum of six participants. You will need one token for one 30-minute tutoring session. The number of tokens you will be assigned is proportional to the number of weeks of your mobility period. Two weeks of mobility will grant you the right to one token, to be used in any way you like.

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Please note that in order to fully benefit from the tutoring sessions, you must have a headset, microphone and webcam.

When you join the session, your webcam and microphone are disabled by default. Activate them by clicking the corresponding buttons on the top left side of the screen. After you enable the webcam, do not forget to click "Enable Sharing". Your tutor will check that you can be seen and heard in the tutoring session. If this is not the case, it is possible to attend the class but you will not be able to actively participate.

28/28 token(s)

B. Registration

The sessions are categorised by language and level (A, B and C) and offered between 09:00 and 16:00 (UTC + 1; UTC + 2 Central European summer time). You must register at least 24 hours prior to a session.

The number of participants in a tutoring session is limited to six. You can always check your dashboard to see if there are still places available for the themed session you are interested in attending.

C. Equipment

Please note that to benefit fully from the tutoring sessions, headphones with a microphone and a webcam are essential.

3.3.3. MOOC Library

You will be able to view previously recorded MOOCs by going to the "MOOC Library" option. They are categorised by level, from level A to level C. You can watch them as often as you like.

Live Coaching

MOOC Library

News

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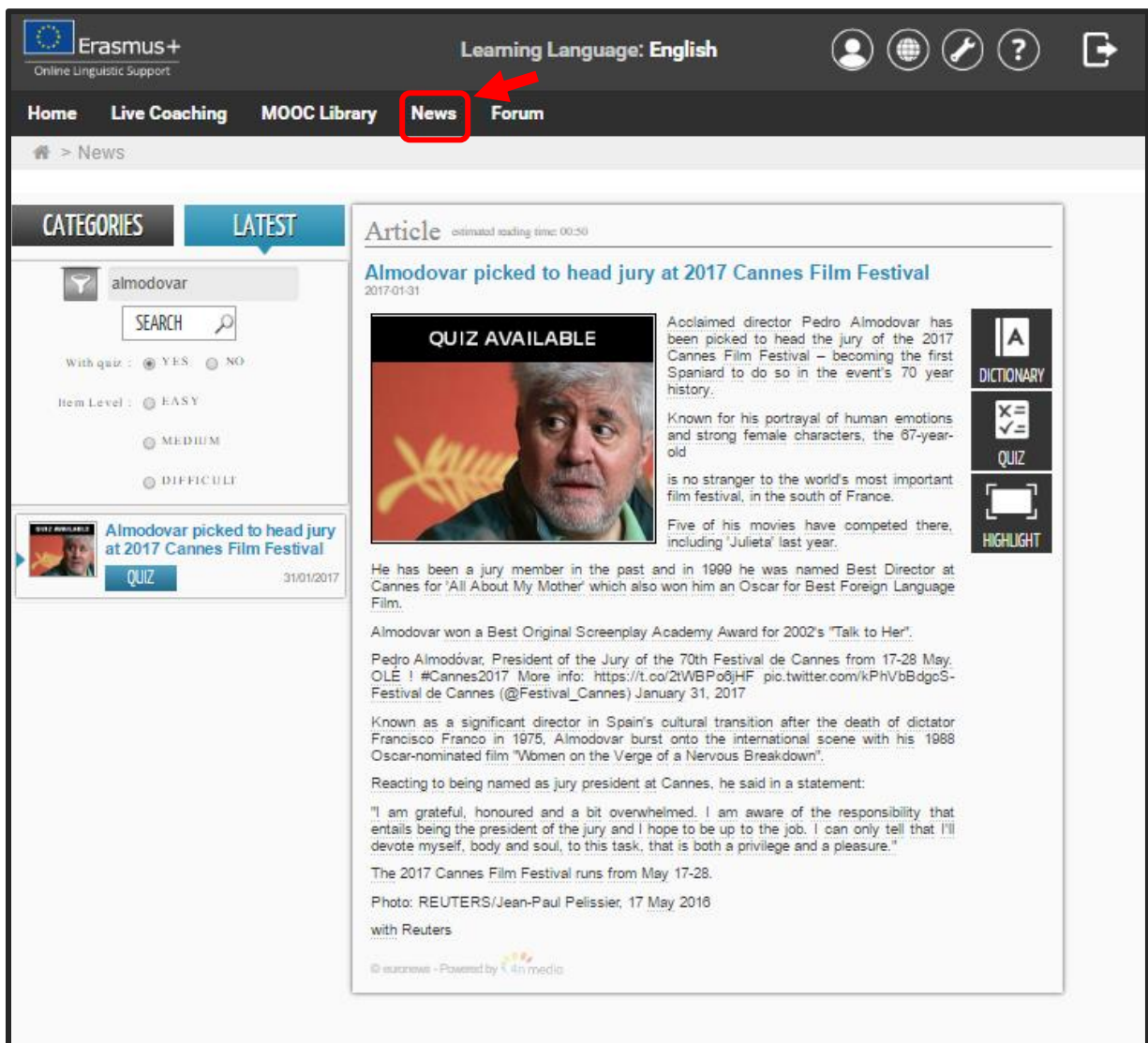
Article
Ireland aim for Cubs spirit against...

3.3.4. Forum

The "**Forum**", which is accessible from your home page, is a space for the exchange of ideas with other participants and a tutor, in your mobility language. You can share your knowledge, help each other and propose new topics for debate. To ensure that the entire Erasmus+ OLS community can benefit from your questions and responses, we ask you to submit your questions in your learning language (or in English for a level A speaker).

3.3.5. News

The "**News**" module enables you to develop your comprehension skills by following the international news. New articles and videos are posted on a regular basis to enhance the database.



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Learning Language: English

Home Live Coaching MOOC Library **News** Forum

> News

CATEGORIES **LATEST**

almodovar

SEARCH

With quiz: YES NO

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QUIZ AVAILABLE Almodovar picked to head jury at 2017 Cannes Film Festival 31/01/2017

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Acclaimed director Pedro Almodovar has been picked to head the jury of the 2017 Cannes Film Festival – becoming the first Spaniard to do so in the event's 70 year history.

Known for his portrayal of human emotions and strong female characters, the 67-year-old is no stranger to the world's most important film festival, in the south of France.

Five of his movies have competed there, including 'Julieta' last year.

He has been a jury member in the past and in 1999 he was named Best Director at Cannes for 'All About My Mother' which also won him an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film.

Almodovar won a Best Original Screenplay Academy Award for 2002's 'Talk to Her'.

Pedro Almodóvar, President of the Jury of the 70th Festival de Cannes from 17-28 May. OLE ! #Cannes2017 More info: <https://t.co/2tWBPo6jHF> pic.twitter.com/kPhVbBdgcS-Festival de Cannes (@Festival_Cannes) January 31, 2017

Known as a significant director in Spain's cultural transition after the death of dictator Francisco Franco in 1975, Almodovar burst onto the international scene with his 1988 Oscar-nominated film 'Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown'.

Reacting to being named as jury president at Cannes, he said in a statement:

"I am grateful, honoured and a bit overwhelmed. I am aware of the responsibility that entails being the president of the jury and I hope to be up to the job. I can only tell that I'll devote myself, body and soul, to this task, that is both a privilege and a pleasure."

The 2017 Cannes Film Festival runs from May 17-28.

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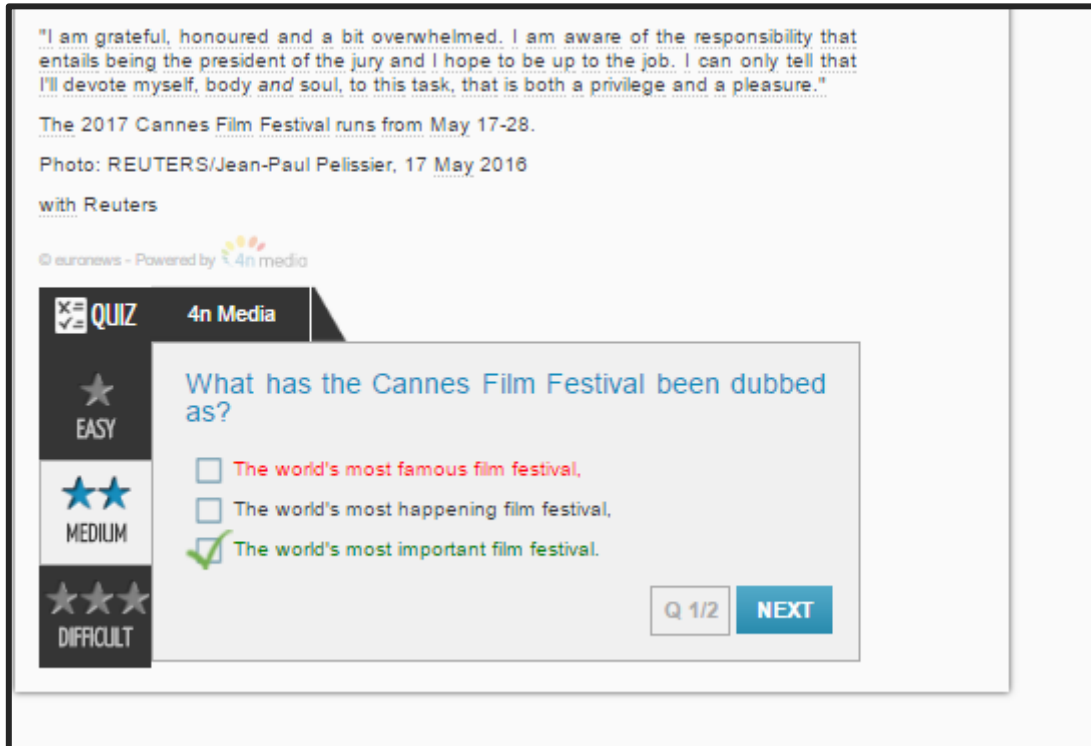
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