**Sample theme B:** Going on a school exchange[[1]](#footnote-1)

**English**

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| **Sample activities or tasks**: Complete a mock online enquiry form for an exchange; role-play a Skype call in target language (TL); conversation with family about how the exchange is going; research and use information about the exchange destination; role-play interactions with host family; role-play school and classroom interactions in TL country; write a blog about the exchange; write an email to host family in TL country; prepare a presentation on cultural differences between home country and TL country… |
| **STRAND** | **ELEMENT** | **LEARNING OUTCOMES***(From the Specification for Junior Cycle MFL)* | **COMPETENCES***(Informed by the CEFR)* | **SAMPLE EXPONENTS** |
| **Communicative** **competence** | **Listening** | 1.2 **Recognise frequently used words and phrases related to areas of immediate relevance** and experience, including the language of routine classroom interactions1.3 **Identify specific information in texts related to familiar topics** such as **announcements**, **conversations**, simple news items | Students can understand the main point in announcementsStudents can understand (and give) simple instructions | We will collect you at the stationSet the table pleaseSit downOpen the door Mobile phones are not allowedMeet outside the school at 8amThe school will be closed |
| **Reading** | 1.7 **Identify specific information** in a range of texts **dealing with familiar topics**1.8 **Source and use authentic texts to explore topics of relevance** **through a range of media** | Students can search for and find specific information in everyday material Students can understand regulations when expressed in simple languageStudents can isolate the information required from a brochure or website | Host familyProfileDepositRulesPocket moneyDaily, weekly, monthlyEmergency contact numberIf you need assistanceTravel documentsInternet search It is forbidden to… Email addressTimetable |
| **Spoken production** | 1.10 **Convey simple descriptions**, presentations or announcements on **familiar topics** | Students can give a simple presentation or description using simple phrases | It is a big city/ townThe weather is usuallyThere are Y people in the host familyWe will arrive in X on (date)We will be there for Y days |
| **Spoken interaction** | 1.12 **Use simple polite forms** **in formal and informal situations** such as greetings, thanks, **introductions** and respond appropriately 1.15 **Take part in routine classroom interactions such as pair and group work**, asking questions, language games and activities, **asking for help and repetition where necessary**  | Students can engage in routine social interactions and ask for repetition or clarification to aid understandingStudents can make and respond to suggestionsStudents can agree and disagree with others Students can manage simple and routine exchanges in the classroom  | My name is… I come from … I am an exchange studentI will be here for a monthCan you speak a little slower? I’m sorry I don’t understand. How do you say? What does X mean?Excuse me could you help meIt is your turn. Can I ask you….?May I go first?I agree/ disagreeIn my opinion How will you get there?What time is lunch at?  |
| **Writing** | 1.20 **Write short descriptions of past, present and future events, activities and personal experiences** as well as imaginative texts1.22 **Produce** and edit **texts and interact with others** **in writing using appropriate digital technologies** | Students can write short simple blog entries Students can send short simple emails and text messages to convey important information Students can write short simple emails expressing thanks Students can use the past and future tensesStudents can describe events in the past | Blog entryClick hereUpdateI will goI wentSee you laterThere is a meeting after schoolI will be late home this evening I will get the last trainI missed the busThank you I really enjoyed my stayI really improved my (TL)I would like to go on/I like going on this trip because… |
| **Language awareness** | **Comparing the target language with other languages they know****Reflecting on how they learn language**  | 2.5 **Compare grammar and vocabulary of the target language with that of other languages they know, making connections and distinctions as appropriate**2.7 **Monitor and assess their own learning**, using feedback they receive to **reflect on** what they need to improve and **set goals for improvement** | Students can identify similarities and differences in language structureStudents can set and monitor individual learning goals | Nouns are either masculine or feminine or pluralI noticed that…..The word for X sounds like the same word in language YMy goal is ….At the end of the exchange I hope that I ….. I find this difficult because … I enjoyed working on this because… |
| **Socio-cultural knowledge and intercultural awareness** | **Learning about relevant facts** | 3.2 **Discover and use facts and figures related to the target country/countries such as statistical data, festivals, inventions, famous people** | Students can research and use basic facts about the country/countries of the TL | [[2]](#footnote-2)The population of X is… Y & Z are famous people from country X The most popular (TL) singer/band is…Festival To celebrate… |
|  | **Comparing their culture with that of the country/countries related to the target language** | 3.9 **Appreciate how cultural differences influence social relations, such as in greetings and eating together** | Students can appreciate cultural and social differences | In X country people greet each other by …2KissingShaking handsThe school day in X is…In X country the main meal is at Y time |

1. In this sample theme, the CEFR competences are mainly at A2 level. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This could be in the target language and based on information from engaging with learning outcome 3.2 from the socio-cultural strand. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)