



# Dan

Hi, I'm Dan. I'm from California, near LA. I like California, but I also like teaching English in new countries and getting to experience other cultures; that's why I'm here in Madrid. (Also, one of my big goals while I'm here to speak better Spanish). Two years ago, I spent a year teaching English in a primary school in Sant Cugat de Valles, which is outside of Barcelona. Before that, I also lived in Germany (a year and a half) and Denmark (4 months).

Back home in California, I don't work as a teacher; I work in carpentry. When I'm not working, I'm hanging out with friends. Right now, I'm also taking classes of salsa and bachata (I am a disaster) and I like boxing (to watch and maybe I will find a gym here).



# Nira

Hello! My name is Nira Causing and I am so excited to meet you! I am from the far eastern side of Asia, the Philippines. This will be my first time as a language assistant and to ever set foot on Europe. As of now, I have been working for two years alongside Spaniards in an information technology company. I earned my degree in Physics back in 2016 from De La Salle University – Manila.

During my free time, I enjoy listening, dancing and singing to K-pop (Korean pop songs) or going to the gym. I may be instructed to teach in English, but I am into traveling and studying different languages so – attention, students! – you can expect knowing how to say “hello” in five different languages by the end of the year! I also love my dogs so much that I think by the time that I will be reading this somewhere in school, I am missing them already. I look forward to helping you learn English in the most fun way possible!

# Gabi



Hello students and teachers! My name is Gabi and I am lucky enough to be one of your language assistants this year. I am very passionate about exploring new places, meeting new people and learning new things. I love the outdoors and traveling, I consider myself to be very adventurous. I also enjoy music and reading. I am always looking for new music to listen to and new books to read.

I am from the United States. For the last four years I have been living and going to school in Idaho, but I consider California to be my home. I recently graduated from Boise State University in Boise, Idaho with a major in Education and a minor Literacy. I have worked with kids of all ages for many years and I am very excited to work with all of you and help you become stronger with your English skills!



# Ellie

Hello! My name is **Ellie** and I am originally from Philadelphia, U.S.A. This will be my fifth year teaching in Spain, as I've also lived in a small town in Galicia and the capital of Mallorca, Palma. Both have been amazing experiences and I look forward to this year in Madrid.

I love both playing and singing music, so it's fitting--and exciting!--that I get to work with students in music class. I also enjoy reading non-fiction, dancing, and making brunch. Yum! This year I am making an effort to improve my Spanish skills. I always enjoy learning about different cultures and customs. I know this year will be really fun!

# Mel



Hello everyone! My name is Maria Melanie, you can call me "Mel or Melanie". I'm 31 years old and I'm from Cebu, a province of the Philippines (about 12, 216 km) located in Central Visayas (Region VII) region and consist of a main island and 167 surrounding islands and islets. Its capital is Cebu city, the oldest city and the first capital of the Philippines, which is politically independent from the provincial government.

I grew up in the province called Barili, a second class municipality in the province of Cebu Philippines. I studied Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Major in English at Colegio de Santa Rita de San Carlos, Inc. And at the University of Negros Occidental Recoletos

I studied my Master of Arts in Education Major in Guidance and Counseling.

After graduating my degree, I started to work in a Foundation which is run by foreign nuns and it is a Non-Government Organization. I worked with children (1-17 years old), these children are abandoned, neglected, abused, street children, and poor children who really wanted to pursue their studies and dreams.

I am teaching English in Madrid, 2014 up to present. Before stepping into this role, I earned TEFL/TESOL certification after completing an on-site 120-hour course. I love teaching!

I love to spend my leisure time, cooking, baking, gardening, sewing and listening to music.

I am looking forward to learning Spanish language, culture and tradition and at the same time helping you improve and build confidence in English.

I'm very grateful to have this opportunity as a Language Assistant.

