



Get to know our monitors 2025-2!



ANA ROBAYO

Major in Speech and language therapy



My motivation to be an EnglishPal

I understand the challenges of learning a second language, and that's why I am eager to share my experiences and mistakes to demonstrate the most effective ways of communication. My motivation to be an English Pal is to strengthen language skills and offer guidance to any student in search of support, especially from someone who, like them, did not grow up in a bilingual environment.



My hobbies



I have explored various hobbies over the past 10 years, resulting in quite an extensive list. Nevertheless, some of my favorites stand out, such as participating in Colombian folklore dance (currently a member of the Salsa group at the University), reading fantasy book reading, eating spicy food, and even trying artistic makeup sessions at midnight just for fun. Additionally, I share my life with two cats, and one of the highlights of my day is returning home to spend quality time petting them.

My story

I was born in Bogotá on September 21st, 2003. My childhood was filled with Disney movies and Pombo's fairy tales, and I grew up with my father and numerous stuffed toys as companions in my daily life. Like any child, I dreamed of becoming an astronaut, a magician, an artist, and a doctor, but each passing year brought a different aspiration. Later, specifically in my last year of school, I finally discovered my path at this University, a place I can now call my second home. It encourages me to pursue my passion for various hobbies while also focusing on my professional life. Currently, I am a Speech Therapy student and a proud English Pal.

MARÍA JOSÉ BARRETO

Double major in International Relations and Finances
and International Trade



My motivation to be an English Pal

I know first-hand how difficult could be to learn a language, especially English which nowadays it's key in academic spheres, business life, and personal life. Besides, we have the pressure to have an excellent level if we want to receive our degree or continue studying. Therefore, my motivation to be an English Pal is to be able to help others and be a partner for them: having someone who they can talk to or trust to make mistakes. Trying to contribute with the things and methods I know and encouraging others not to give up when the learning's road seems too difficult.



My hobbies



I could say that reading is the passion in my life, enjoying different stories and living a thousand lives as George R.R. Martin once said ("A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one"). My favorite genres are fantasy, romance, contemporary, and thriller. Of course, if I can have the opportunity to travel or discover new places, I will take it and try new experiences. Finally, I love spending my time watching horror movies.

My story

I was born and raised in Bogotá on May 4, 2001. I have been living most of my life here, but when holidays come, I use to visit my grandparents who live in Garagoa, Boyacá, losing myself in the countryside. I already finished my first career in International Relations and received my college degree in May. Currently, I am in my fourth semester in Finance and International Relations. Later, different from my other pals, I would like to say English was always a part of my life and I love it but to be honest, I used to hate it. Learning it was one of the hardest experiences I've ever had. Even though English made me cry a lot of times, I am grateful to finally be able to speak, listen, write, and read, because nowadays I can do the things, I love the most in a language I thought would never be part of my life.

MARÍA JULIANA PÉREZ

Major in Political Science



My motivation to be an English Pal

I started learning English when I was 2 years old as my stepfather only spoke English, then I continued my process in a bilingual school. This means that I've had the chance of learning English quite easily. Unfortunately, not all people have had this opportunity or haven't been interested on learning this language that has become so important in our daily lives. Due to the privilege that I have of being an English speaker, I want to help those who didn't have it and motivate those who don't enjoy language learning. For me, sharing things that I have with people that don't is a pleasure and a way of reaching equality, which is needed in our university, city, country and world.



My hobbies

I love to learn new things, that's the reason why, in my spare time, I love going to museums, art galleries, libraries, vinyl stores, new restaurants and concerts of emerging bands. Also, I enjoy going dancing with my friends, watching novels with my mum, reading, listening to music and watching classic movies. Finally, one of my favorite hobbies is spending time with my dogs and my cat.



My story

I was born on September 21st of 2004. My grandparents were from Boyacá, so I grew up visiting that department. I'm an only child; however, my stepfather has 4 children in the US, and I consider them my big siblings. I have spent little stays with them there which has allowed me to practice my English. Currently, I'm in 4th semester of Political Science and I really enjoy my degree, additionally, I'm learning French, and I want to learn embroidery.

NATALY COTES

Major in Journalism



My motivation to be an English Pal

My motivation to be an English Pal Language learning can be a hard and stressful process, but it can also be a fun way to know more about yourself and the world around you, especially when you have people around you that encourage you. When I saw the activities that the English Area did, I got inspired to help other students enjoy and learn English. I also think it's a great opportunity to learn about teaching others and a way to practice my own English.



My hobbies

My hobbies include reading, baking, tabletop games, drawing, and photography. I'm a huge fan of everything comics and D&D. I also used to practice taekwondo, and I really want to pick it up again! This year I want to get more into sports and hiking.



My story

I was born in Barranquilla on November 14th, 2002. My family moved to Santa Marta when I was 8 years old. It's where I grew up and where my friends and family live, so when people ask me where I'm from, I just say I'm from Santa Marta! There, I studied at the Colegio Bilingüe de Santa Marta (CBSM). They had a library full of books in English, and I spend a long time trying to read my way through them all. It's where my love of English started. I moved to Bogotá with my older brother about two years ago to study and it's been an amazing experience.

NICOLE HERNÁNDEZ

Major in Design



My motivation to be an English Pal

I chose to be part of the English Pal Program to help others in their English abilities and skills, by doing different activities and using some strategies to make the student's process more enjoyable and productive. Evidently, English is fundamental in academic and professional development, so I would like to assistance the difficulties that students could have. Also, I can practice and enhance my own language skills during the sessions and the teaching process. I am excited to teach and learn from everyone.



My hobbies

I am a very passionate person, so I have a lot of hobbies. I love reading, especially fantasy and thriller books, and I like writing poetry and fictional short stories. Also, I love music, at weekends I dance for hours, and I am learning to play the piano and the guitar. On weekends as well, I practice skating and swimming, because it's like a therapy activity for me. Currently, I'm learning crochet on my own, it is entertaining and interesting, also it is difficult because I am left-handed, so I get in trouble sometimes.

My story



I was born on July 13th in 2006; I have lived my entire life in Bogotá with my parents and my little brother. But I constantly visit my grandparents, and sometimes I sleep there. I learned English at a bilingual school since I was a child, so it was very easy to acquire the language. Currently, I am studying design at Rosario University; I love my career, it is dynamic, and you are doing a lot of things all the time, such as painting, drawing, photographing or editing, so it is like my place because I love to do a lot of stuff at every moment.

ANA ROJAS

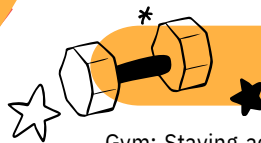
Major in International Business Administration



My motivation to be an English Pal

In my school, I discovered my love for the English language. The rigorous curriculum and immersive environment allowed me to excel in my studies and develop a strong command of English. Seeing all the assessments and coursework in English not only improved my language skills but also fueled my passion for teaching and mentoring others. This experience has been a cornerstone of my educational journey and continues to inspire my dedication to help others learn and grow. My inspiration to teach English stems from my love for the language and my enjoyment of helping others. Whether it was assisting classmates in school or providing mentorship outside of class, I have always found it fulfilling to see others improve their English skills. I believe that language learning opens a world of opportunities, and I am excited to share this journey with others.

My hobbies



Gym: Staying active and healthy is important to me, and I enjoy working out regularly at the gym. Exercising not only keeps me fit but also helps me manage stress and maintain a positive outlook. Whether it's lifting weights, running on the treadmill, or participating in group fitness classes, I find the gym to be a great place to challenge myself and stay motivated.

My story

My name is Ana Rojas, and I was born on April 6, 2004, in Bogotá, Colombia. I have always had a passion for the English language, which I discovered while studying at an IB bilingual school called Gimnasio del Norte. There, I excelled in my English assessments and found great joy in helping my classmates with their studies. This experience inspired me to become an English pal, and I continue to mentor others in my free time.

CARLOS VARGAS

Major in Psychology



My motivation to be an English Pal

I know that learning or improving your English can be difficult, so I want to help my university peers in this process. My goal is to assist them in a fun and engaging way to learn English and provide meaningful lessons. Additionally, I want to be a monitor because it will allow me to practice my English and develop teaching skills, as I aspire to become a psychology teacher at our university. For this reason, being a tutor is also part of my plan for next year. I hope to do a great job and help people understand concepts they may not know or find unclear in these topics.



My hobbies

I have a variety of hobbies that bring me joy and fulfillment. I love playing football, as it keeps me active, it is like a therapy activity for me and allows me to connect with others through teamwork and competition. Music is another passion of mine; I enjoy listening to different genres such as rap, reggaetón, trap, salsa and others and sometimes dancing salsa, reggaetón and bachata is a good way to have fun, and I enjoy that a lot.

My story

I was born on December 2, 2002, in Bogotá. I consider myself a people person. Nonetheless, sometimes I need my own space. I learned English at an English academy in Liverpool, England for 5 months. I always try to help others in any way I can. On the other hand, I enjoy reading materials that can benefit me in different ways, such as texts about psychology, general knowledge, or improving my English skills. I also enjoy dancing and playing football for fun. In conclusion, I am a person who strives to improve every day, and I want to develop new skills while helping others along the way.

MATEO MENDEZ

Bachelor of Social Science



My motivation to be an English Pal

Learning a new language is one of the most beautiful things anyone can do. It's not only a way to communicate, but also a different and broader way of understanding the world. I enjoy sharing what I know, and even more when it comes to helping others with their process of achieving their goals. I want my partners to see monitoring as a place where they can feel comfortable and confident, in English and themselves. Furthermore, I can review and go deeper in my knowledge, as well as strengthen my teaching skills and develop new ones that I need as a teacher. If I can contribute, I'll do it to the best of my ability.

My hobbies



I love drawing; this is my favorite activity. I listen to many kinds of music, for example melodies, electronic, some rock and pop. I like making handicrafts, cooking, and baking. I enjoy walking a lot, and I like watching animation videos, movies, and series. As for sports, I swim and play volleyball. The latter is my favorite, and I like having matches with my friends. Finally, I like reading and writing stories, especially mystery, adventure or fiction.

My story



I am 20 years old, I live in Fusagasuga and I am in my last semester of college. I'm usually somewhat serious, but I'm usually a cheerful person. In fact, although I am reserved and try to listen to people, sometimes I end up talking more than I would like to. I like teaching others, but also, I enjoy learning new things, especially if I find them useful. In particular, I find it very appealing to learn languages, not only to speak them, but also to get to know a part of another culture. I don't know why, but I am very interested in indigenous and several Asian languages. I speak English very well, I know Colombian sign language, Braille, and I'm learning Chinese and Japanese.

LAURA MOTTA

Bachelor of Social Science



My motivation to be an English Pal

Throughout my life, I have had the opportunity to meet amazing teachers who inspired me to become a teacher. So, I know that learning English is very important in this globalized world, but it is difficult for many people. Because of this, I understand the importance of teaching in English well and making learning easier for students. And, on the other hand, I think this is a big opportunity not only to teach, but also to learn. In a classroom, roles can always be interchangeable. Thus, the relationship between teacher and student is more comfortable.



My hobbies



I love taking care of myself. So, I like going to the gym, swimming, running and doing other sports. This is important to me because I am a very anxious person and practicing a sport is a useful strategy to keep my mind busy. Dancing is other of my passions, I am not very good at it, but I enjoy it. In the same way, I love listening to various genres of music such as dancehall, rock, reggaeton, rap, salsa, merengue, pop and more. Eating and meeting new restaurants is another of my hobbies, because I love good food in all its forms. And finally, the activity I do the most is spending time with friends in the city center, drinking beer and talking about our lives.



My story

I was born in May 2004, Pitalito Huila. But I have lived in Bogotá for ten years approximately. I studied in an awful school, but in this place, I know teachers who are unforgettable. These people changed my life in many aspects, because they were worried about my learning and in general, for me, as a relevant person. So, I began to think about the importance of education in countries like Colombia. Then, in that reflection I understood that educational quality is a pillar in society. And I became a fan of the humanities because of their relevance in education, especially in social sciences and philosophy. So, I won a scholarship to go to Universidad del Rosario, I am in the eighth semester, and I am very happy with my decision.

BRYAN TIRADO

Major in Physiotherapy



My motivation to be an English Pal

Since I entered the university, I have noticed how difficult the process of learning is and the challenges that it represents. Unfortunately, I have witnessed how the process of learning a language has caused different partners and friends problems for them to continue their studies or limit their research in their respective areas, so as part of this program, I would like to help those who have these problems to prevent them from having to reach this point.



My hobbies

I'm a big fan of cinema, not only watching it, but I also like to see how movies are made, the process of each one, the director's decisions and all the curiosities that have inside every little aspect of the film. My other big love is sports, my favorite one being football but thanks to all the years that I could practice different disciplines from ping pong to swimming I fell in love with physical activity and competitions. Finally, I could say that I love reading, mainly detective and adventure stories, with a bit of philosophy, and I spend a big part of my days listening to electronic music, rock, and jazz.

My story

I was born in Bogota on March 3, 2003, I have been fortunate to have two parents who have always supported me with my decisions despite their differences, I have 2 twin sisters, and I learned all my English basics in the best school I could have. As a child I was able to enjoy a golden age of cartoons and learn from classic movies, not to mention that I was able to practice soccer for a long time, which led me to choose the university where I am and have the goal of being a physiotherapist for one of the best teams in Europe.

NICOLAS TOQUICA

Major in Philosophy

My motivation to be an English Pal

Ever since I started my schooling and learning process in general, I've been quite fortunate and privileged to be in environments that encouraged and made easy the development of a second language in me. Additionally, I have always been interested in learning other languages, and I have certain abilities that make the process somewhat easy for me. However, I know this is not the case for a lot of people, be it because of environments that did not have enough capitals to make English a priority or because of personal difficulties. Having said this, I would like to help as much as I can to other people in their process, since I comprehend how important it is to understand English nowadays. Besides, a part of me would like to become a professor in a distant future, and this experience could help me to improve my teaching abilities.



My hobbies



I enjoy cooking and eating things I had never cooked or eaten before. I also like to read books and manga a lot, though I have not gotten the time or motivation to do it lately. I am not an artsy person, but I am really interested on singing on music, despite not knowing how to play an instrument at all.

My story

I was born in Bogotá on July 23 of the year 2003. I would say I never quite knew what to study, but I had a clear path in mind that somehow involved social studies. However, this has not stopped me from trying other areas of knowledge like psychology, which is my second career in this university. On a more personal level, I'd say I'm rather introverted, but there are a few occasions when it is possible to make me talk nonstop. My friends usually say that I'm a good listener, which is something that somewhat influenced the decision I took with regarding the monitor program.

JUANE SANCHEZ

Major in Philosophy



My motivation to be an English Pal

I like to think that learn English is like to transition in Gender. It sounds fuzzy but imagine a 0 state in which you don't open your comprehension about other cultures. Now, imagine a 1 state where you know English, because you wanna know other language and hard work: reading, listening, etc. It means, we are living the language, not only skills, but this also includes evaluate our level; improve that skills; communicate sincerely with people; use methods for our purpose (in transition, sometimes hormones). Actually, learning it's a living process and if we use another language for view other worlds, we would be able, first, to develop complex thinking, second, to create new forms of languages. Indeed, I love help people to transition in language, it is my motivation to be as an English pal.



My hobbies

For a while now, I recognized myself as a mutant person. Drag, Ballroom, and vogue are some activities and spaces I really enjoy. But I love to read Hegel's phenomenology too. Philosophy would say it violates the principle of non-contradiction haha. Despite this tradition, I was thinking that my hobbies are influenced by my hyperfocus. Right now, I am doing a bag by myself from scratch. So, I'm that person who loves any parch.

My story

My name is Juane/Juana. I am a non-binary person my pronouns are She/they (ella, elle). I focused my life and studies in care and diversity, for instance, I worked with Urintercultural and Plurales at Rosario university, besides la TrincheraVoguera in my territory Ciudad Bolivar. I am in uence by postestructuralism, queer studies and art. What is more evident in my style of teaching, in this case, using English with other type of learning, making learn enjoyable.

JULIANA BANCES

Major in Psychology



My motivation to be an English Pal

Learning the language has been an escape for me in a lot of ways, getting to explore passions, books, and music. Back in school, writing in English became how I expressed myself, everything I couldn't explain was easier when I sat and wrote pages and pages in a language I profoundly loved. When it was time to choose my career, teaching and psychology piqued my interest. That's why, when I found out I could start learning and practicing both more here in Uni, this opportunity sparked. I want to get to people and help them to start a passion in a language that they may be learning out of necessity. But most of all, I want them to teach me how every learner's mind works, I want to better my skills, to be able to adapt to each individual process.



My hobbies

I've always loved art. Since I was a little girl, theatre, music and painting have been things that have made me the happiest person on earth. I have played the guitar and ukulele since I was 12 years old and have always loved to sing though I'm not the greatest at it. I took classes in MISI when I was thirteen because musical theater has always been very important to me, but I had to drop out due to the pandemic, but my love for this art has not dissipated. In this moment I am the manager of an emerging rock band with a lot of potential. I absolutely adore reading as well, and right now I'm a big fan of "The Hunger Games". I have also been very interested in politics and social problematics since a very young age.

My story

My name is Juliana; you can call me Juli. I go by she/her pronouns. I am in my 4th semester of psychology, and I thoroughly enjoy my career of choice. I was part of an international organization focused on foreign policy explained and analyzed by young people, which helped my writing and communication skills. I am very excited to be a part of someone's learning process and improve someone's learning experience.

SARA QUICENO

Double major in Journalism and Public Opinion and Musical Theater



My motivation to be an English Pal

Language learning is one of the most essential aspects in modern life, especially English.

Thus embarking on the journey is non-negotiable for most people. However, it requires strength, determination and patience. Every individual has a different learning process in whatever they are trying to learn hence accepting and loving your own process is fundamental. Most of the times, no extrinsic motivation is present which for me is one of the most important aspects. Both of my majors have shown me that with a little help and elbow grease anyone can become extraordinary. My aspiration for indulging in teaching in the future is the motivation I needed to take the step and be ready to build upon this passion. In addition to the satisfaction of knowing I will be helping someone overcome their difficulties.



My hobbies

One of my favorites activities is visiting museums and art galleries. I love the history behind every piece of art. Which also drives to enjoy any type of theater that connects us to the human psyche. I enjoy reading and I'm the biggest fan of anything dystopian. I love baking anything sweet whenever life gets a bit too crazy and this I will always be the person to bring cookies or brownies to the function.

My story

Hi! My name is Sara Quiceno and I was born on February 26th 2006 in Cali, Colombia. However I grew up in the USA where I lived most of my childhood. I came back to Colombia and since then have lived in Cali, Armenia, and now Bogotá. This has opened me up to the world on a different level. Some people ask me if it was hard on me growing up and though it definitely was, I wouldn't change it for anything else. It gave me so many perspectives and so many friends. It also gave me resilience to adapt and keep on moving with my head held up high. I believe in the power that art holds on humanity and art alongside humanities as a tool for social progress. My passion and determination have definitely driven me to work everyday to be a better person and serve my community.