

Part Two

NAME	PROFILE
Mariola	<i>Mariola is from Spain and her L1 is Spanish-Castilian. Mariola holds a BA in History from a Spanish University. She was working in Spain in the IT sector but recently was made redundant. Since then she has been trying to improve her job prospects by training up. To that end she decided to move to Ireland to improve her English and hence her job prospects. Her motivation is economical and she is very price conscious. She always tries to find free English resources online. She prefers learning through media. That is, she watches American shows in English with English subtitles turned on (and she watches online). Some of the shows she likes are Breaking Bad, The Walking Dead and The Strain.</i>
Gabriela	<i>Gabriela is from Paraguay and her L1 is Spanish (Latin American). She worked in rehabilitation in Paraguay. She feels she needs to improve her English in order to find employment, something I would agree with. She has trouble pronouncing words, and she does not use English much outside of School. Of the three students she would have the lowest level of formal traditional education.</i>
Erica	<i>Erica is from Mexico and her L1 is Spanish (Latin American). She is not working at the moment but has little work experience. She holds a degree in Administration from Mexico City and is looking to go into further education though. In fact she would like to take a Masters through English and as such she would nearly certainly benefit from taking an IELTS exam (and scoring a 6 or 6.5 in it). Just like Gabriela she finds speaking tricky and doesn't do much speaking outside class.</i>