

Hi! My name is **Manaal** and I'm from Canada. I got to Spain on September 16, 2021, and there's so much I have learned and experienced. I did not know the Spanish language at all before, just the basics "Hola," "Adios," and "Gracias," but now I definitely can say I can hold a conversation and I am able to understand a lot more. I can understand a lot more than I can speak. The key to learning faster is just speaking Spanish fully to everyone whenever you can. It's intimidating at first, but it's okay to be a little awkward! It's better to try than not try at all. I am very grateful to **Javier**, the coordinator. He was super helpful, friendly, and kind. To the future auxiliaries, you are in good hands, Javier can be of help in every aspect!



My experience at the school has been quite pleasant. All the teachers I have worked with have been nothing but friendly and welcoming. It can be a bit chaotic sometimes, and sometimes the teachers may forget to communicate certain things, but that's why it's important to get the hang of things not going the way you think they will. You get to be more spontaneous and go with the flow. All the students I have taught have been super fun, silly, and goofy with me, which I enjoy! I loved to match the energy of the children and be a little crazy with them. Every time I enter the classroom with the 1st ESO students, I feel like a celebrity and it feels nice that they are happy I'm there. Because in their heads it's like "Manaal is here! Party time!" That's how it feels. They are super eager and excited to talk to me. I've learned lots of Spanish from the students too, free classes yay! Some students love to speak English with me, but others speak Spanish and I encourage them to speak English by speaking a little Spanish to them. They love to hear me speak Spanish and are awed by every time I speak one word of Spanish. It's hilarious to see! I love when they get excited about me speaking Spanish, it makes me want to continue and learn the language. Here's a photo of the 1st ESO students! They're adorable!



Christmas in Andujar!



I celebrated Romeria with the teachers and former students!



My dress! Thanks to teacher Elisa for allowing me to borrow it!



FAVORITE SPOTS:

My favorite bakery in Andujar is **La Davina**, and I love the lady Ana who works there.

I also love **Planet**, the ladies in there are loud and the atmosphere is quite lively, and if you like quiet places, it's not the place to go. But I love the ladies there as well. They are super sweet and friendly!

Another place I'll really miss is **Angelines**, a little shop below our apartment. The old lady there is super sweet and bubbly. I love her! I'll miss her a lot! Andujar is small and there's not much to do here, but all the people I've met have been sweet and helpful. I'll miss Andujar a lot!

We spent some time with the old auxiliary Angela at IES La Cabeza or "el viejo" as they say.

