

## Myra

Myra lives in a one-room house with her mother, father and five siblings. Her parents work long hours harvesting produce in their local community. Myra is the oldest sibling. She gets all of her siblings up in the morning, off to school, and is responsible for taking care of them when she gets home from school. She cooks dinner and feeds all of her siblings before her parents arrive home at 7:00PM.

Mayra entered school in the United States when she was 8 years old. She did not attend school when she lived in Mexico. Mayra speaks Mixteco with her mother, Spanish and Mixteco with her siblings and English when she is in school.

Mayra is a sophomore in high school this year. On paper Mayra is an L3. She has been an L3 for 5 years now. While she is able to communicate in English with her peers, her academic language is still developing.

## Anton

Anton lives in an apartment in town with his mother, father and older sister. His family moved from Russia last spring to be closer with family here in the United States. Anton's father works long hours and his mother stays home during the day. Anton loves to play soccer outside after school or ride his bike with his friends. He is also very active in his church.

Anton attended school in Russia in Kindergarten and first grade. He is in 2nd grade this year and is quickly acquiring social English. Anton scored a L1 on the WELPA placement test last spring when he arrived but he is already speaking in complete sentences, reading and writing short sentences in English.