Hi! My name is Maria Payan, and I am very passionate about linguistics and languages. Spanish is my mother tongue and besides English, I have been learning about different languages since I was around 10 years old. I know Portuguese, some Italian, and am now in the process of learning Turkish. Other interests I have are writing poetry, reading, doodling, playing the guitar, and doing sports. I want to pursue something in the field of the natural sciences or the human sciences (or both!) and make a positive difference. I believe ignorance is the greatest poison of humanity and knowledge its antidote, which is why I have chosen to be a part of this learning cooperative.