General Information:
My name is Sarah Johnson. I am originally from Co. Tipperary, Ireland. If you need to get in touch with me, please do so by email at sjohnson36@wustl.edu / sarahcjohnson1@gmail.com. My gmail account is the one I check that most often, so use that one unless there are any issues. If you need to urgently reach me, please text me at (314) 518-2938.

For this course, you can get a dictionary from Amazon if you would like to have one. I recommend the dictionaries from An Gúm and Collins. The online dictionary that I recommend is potafocal.ie. There is also an app called getthefocal. When it comes to textbooks, there just are not any very good ones out there for adult beginners, so I will be sharing lots of online presentations and photocopies with you. Since there will be no required textbook, you will need to be very organized, so please get a nice binder and keep it organized. I will upload materials for each unit we cover to Blackboard and will also be emailing them to you. You will get lots of handouts. I will be following a syllabus that was recommended by an Irish government agency and the University of Maynooth in Ireland. It is a syllabus that is recommended for adults abroad that are learning the language for the first time.

Grades:
I collect homework every day. I believe that, in order to learn a language, you must work on it daily and practice. You cannot cram a language, so it is important to schedule a little bit of time for it each and every day. So, the majority of your grades will be based on your homework. If you cannot get the homework to me on the specified day, please try to turn it in as soon as you can thereafter.
There will be a midterm exam in class on Wednesday, February 18th and a final exam during our regular class on Monday, April 27th. *These dates are subject to change, but this will give you a good idea of when to expect them.
Our class will meet 30 times, with breaks on January 19th, March 9th and 11th.

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If you don’t mind, I’d prefer you handwrite all your assignments that you turn in to me.
In this class you will learn to speak, read and write Irish. The topics we will cover are:

Greeting people, meeting people
Background and the area you live in
Your family
The house, lodging
Hobbies
The weather

The first few classes will focus on building the foundations of the language. These are the most important classes of all. You need a good foundation in the language. After that, we will start working on the topics listed above. If you log in to Blackboard, you will find files called “Aonad 1” “Aonad 2” etc. Aonad = unit. The chapters loaded under the headings of “Aonad” will be our “textbook”. I would like to get through at least 5 of the 6 units that I have uploaded to Blackboard.

In addition to the language, you will learn a little bit about Irish culture, we will look at a poem or two, we will sing a few songs and learn the living language that is used in Ireland today. If there is anything in particular that you would like to learn, please don’t hesitate to bring that to my attention.

I am looking forward to a great semester and I hope you will enjoy this class :)

- Sarah