1. I wanted to send an email update to you let you know how things have been going during my semester abroad here in Málaga, Spain.

2. I've already been here for six weeks, and I feel like I am finally adapting to the culture. I'm also speaking the language more fluently.

3. I arrived during the first week of September. The weather has been very nice. Even though it's October, it's still rather sunny and warm

4. I am living with a very welcoming host family. I have my own private bedroom, but we eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner together

5. On Sundays, we eat a big home-cooked paella for lunch. In Spain, lunch is usually the biggest meal of the day

6. On weekdays, I take classes at the local university. There, I met several native Spanish speakers.

7. They have been very kind and patient with me. At first, I struggled to comprehend their Spanish, but now I understand most of our conversations

8. They have commented that my Spanish has improved a lot since we first met. Now, I am more confident to use the language in other places like stores and restaurants.