

~~Second Tuesday~~ *Second Tuesday*

Dear Everybody,

I enjoyed my dinner last night in Hungary, Sweden, Slovakia, and Italy. I celebrated by ordering Parma ham and melon, a tiptop taste combination. I guess the way things went at each table will have varied with the very different mixes of people.

I wonder what course each of you is on? I mean... this is a funny language course..... no book is offered.....has the word grammar been mentioned? A teacher who seems to correct very little, if at all.... Bizarre exercises.....

Each person will be reacting to this set of behaviours. Each person has their own belief systems around learning, they have their own skills and their own behavioural patterns. I'd really like to know how you are faring and what you are up to mentally. A wee letter would be very good, though I am fully aware that we at Pilgrims do our best to make sure you have no time to do quiet things like writing letters.

From your introspection, what do you reckon your unconscious is up to language-wise? How much are you now thinking in English? Are people dreaming in English? What level of "language fatigue" hits you each evening? How do you react to English as you wake up in the morning? Do you feel a strong need to take flight into mother tongue at some point in the day? These are maybe the wrong questions for you- if so, please think of the questions I could more usefully have asked.

Weird things are happening... so, for example....Dany's pronunciation is much more English early in the day.....last night it was distinctly French... which is a good example of how language features can vary over time. We are not stable systems.

As you finish reading this letter could you form groups of three to go into the questions raised?


Mario.