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Last Friday of course

Dear going-home folk,

Notice the ambiguity of the heading. I have written this before and never been aware of it. Ambiguity in language is everywhere and yet we mostly screen it out of consciousness. Seeing and hearing ambiguity is one good index of the language intelligence. I wonder how much the secondary ambiguous meanings of sentences affect our official understanding of them demanded by the context.

Today we have a full day's work after the disturbances and difficulties of yesterday. I hate the UK State school habit of wasting the last few days of the summer term. We finish this course sharp at 3.30 and not droopily all day.

I want to thank you for having offered me nine days of pleasure, wonderment at the thrilling abilities we all possess, and also question marks and conundrums. You have filled my heart with a wide range of emotions and given me full days. Which of your classes over the past year have been fullest for you, given the most satisfaction and taught you most.

The course really starts in September when you meet your new 2007-2008 students. It is then that I hope both the unconscious and the conscious work we have done together really comes into its own. Right now I guess some of you are tired and it is hard to know, at this point, what the effect of the course may be. This will vary across the group: for some people the drift of what we have done may sit easily with your normal way of teaching and the various exercises will melt into your normalcy. For other people what we have been doing may not harmonise with their beliefs and will thus provoke some level of internal conflict.

Please turn to a colleague and talk about your "best group" last year and then focus forward onto September.

Good journey home, despite the lunacy of London's airports. The bombers have been very successful in sowing chronic travel chaos.

Warmly yours,

Mario

