

Easter course 2005

Hi Dear Colleagues,

Here we are together, from all over the place.... A kind of bizarre miracle based on loads of large and small decisions taken across a continent.

I wonder what processes, feelings and thoughts you have just emerged from into the relative unknown of Canterbury.

I have just emerged from two weeks packed into three days. I left home here for Athens early on Friday morning and visited old friends all through Friday... catching up on the many years we had been apart. (I lived with my wife in Athens in the 60's and we had our first child there.) An amazing maze of meetings. A journey across time, and since one of them is a prominent ex-politician, a journey thru recent Greek history.

Saturday and Sunday were professional at a language teachers' conference... doing a set of plenaries. One, especially, done with a colleague, was lyrically good. I felt so full of memories and emotions on the plane back last night....brimming.

The above is just so you know a smidgeon about my last three days. Please find a quarter of an hour to write to me tonight about what you have just emerged from. *This will help me get to know you a bit, and fast.*

Warmly yours,

Mario



Ps: Do you write letters to your classes? This creaky, ancient technique is worth its weight in gold. We need to spend a moment looking at how to manage this. *as it raises all sorts of questions.*