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Dear B [REDACTED] (seven hens + one rooster),

We often use this American word to avoid the old UK word which has largely shifted semantically. In the same way “gay” can no longer be used in the old way. “gutted” which used to be mainly used to describe a cleaned fish now mainly means “disappointed” or “very sad”. You might say it of the referee of a defeated football team: “he must be feeling gutted.”

I found the work we did yesterday afternoon overflowing rich. L [REDACTED] .. for whom the switching was to do with beginnings and endings, Gi [REDACTED], who knows much about insides of the switches, wondering how each switch was built, Elena discovering that at the switching moments her head was free of thoughts.....

Each morning breaktime I want to spend half an hour with one of you. I find that these tutorials really help me a lot in my work with the group. Sometimes they are useful and interesting for the person working with me. The rule is that you set the agenda.... You decide what we talk about.....hopefully something important to you.

From today I will be bringing in a few books to lend to you. Have a look at the book you take for a day or two and then pass it on to some one else. I will try to bring in a good range of books. These readings are good for both the methodological and language parts of the course.

Today we will do straight language for you in the first period.

Second period we will look at techniques for teaching grammar to your students.

Third period we will prepare for the school visit. To help me with this, could you get together 20 -30 questions over the lunch break period and things you feel you need to know about the educational system here.

The workshop at 4.00pm will either deal with

VOICE or with NLP. The choice is yours.

I look forward to tomorrow.

Mario.