

Dear Everybody,

Thank you for your letters. Your letter, F█████, was written on a word processor. I think you said you have brought your own word processor and printer from Switzerland.

Marvellous!

It will take a few days, F█████, for you to use the English you know and begin to learn more. It is a big shock when you begin to live in a new language.

M█████, I sympathise with your need to change family. You told us the landlord does not talk to you, the landlady works long hours and only gets back from work at seven or eight in the evening. You also said that your bedroom is over the kitchen so you can't sleep because of the noise they make. They talk loudly in the kitchen and listen to the radio. The family accused your friends of stealing a book from the house.

I understand that you must feel quite worried.

A█████, thank you for answering some of my questions about the Wolf Party. You say that your father does not approve of the party and is not a member of the party. You also say your brothers are not in the Wolf Party. You are the only one in your family who has joined the party. How long have you been a member of the party?

S█████, your letter is full of your thoughts about not being able to come back next term and your mother's bad fax. You write:

" I regret when my mother sent me a bad fax. But I have no choice. I cannot disobey her because she is my mother."

But S█████, your mother sent you the fax because you have had a devaluation in the Ivory Coast. This means that buying English pounds is much more expensive than before. I can understand why she wants you to come home. I can also understand why you feel upset. You have now really begun to speak English and this is not the moment to stop.

M█████, I can't answer your letter because you haven't written recently! I would love to hear more about your family farm. How many people do you have working on it? What sort of things do you grow? Do you also have animals on the farm?

A█████, how did you celebrate your birthday? Did people from home ring you?

Yours,
Mario.