

Dear Everybody,

I [redacted], you apologise for writing with a green pen. Your blue pen has run out.

Personally I prefer green to blue.

You say that you are going to write your diary in English for the next few days. You have written a diary ( in Polish) for the last four years. What kind of things do you write in your diary? Do you write very practical things or is your diary one of feelings and emotions?

You also say that you and E [redacted] have decided to only speak English together. Will this be hard?

Does anybody else in our group keep a diary? Do you, L [redacted], or you Si [redacted]?

I see, S [redacted], how close your baby is to your heart. You write:

" You ask if I have a lot of children because I bought three pairs of shoes in Cambridge the other day. I have just one daughter and I love her dearly. This is why I keep on buying her shoes and clothes. I am not wrong, believe me. I prefer buying things for my baby than buying things for myself. I don't think I am important. I have all my time ahead of me. I need to think about my child. If I am here today it is for my baby's future."

J [redacted], for you the day in the capital was a useful one but you did not feel good about it. From what you say I guess you are missing your friends back home. The beautiful letter you wrote about friendship seems to give the same message. You write " I feel sad for no reason ". Isn't there always a reason somewhere?

L [redacted], I gather from your letter that you were impressed by the mummies in the British Museum. You saw not just mummified people but the mummy of a cat and a crocodile. I feel afraid when I go to the mummy rooms in the B. Museum. It is as if I was really standing there, 3000 years ago.

How do you feel about finding all these Egyptian things in London? Is it right that we should have them here in Britain? Should we return them to Cairo?

I didn't know you're on a diet, Si [redacted]. Is it a real diet if you actually gobble up lots of chocolate? How many times before have you been on a diet? You say that you must diet so as not to disappoint your boy friend. You will see him again when you go home in March.

Your words about the National Gallery are lyrical. You enormously enjoyed the light and colour of the Impressionist painters. Have you been to the museum here in Cambridge? they have plenty of Impressionists.

For the next two weeks I'll be teaching a special group of Austrians. They are training to be teachers of English.

I will see you for just one hour a day, Sheila's hour, the last period in the morning.

Jo [redacted] will be your main teacher- she will teach you from 9.15 to 12.00.