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Dear Everybody,

Thank you, J M R, for your very well-written letter. I note that we can call you J, which is your family name. Does the family name always come first in Korean?

In your letter you speak about the division between North and South Korea. What do people in the South think about people in the North? Please write to me about this.

You say in your letter that there a lot of Americans and Indians and Pakistani people in Saudi Arabia. What are they doing there? Is it easier for you to accept Pakistani people than it is for you accept Indians, Americans and English people?

M, how are you going to improve your writing? This is one of the big jobs for you to do in the next six months. Please write to me about this problem. I am speaking of your problem to everybody because we are all friends together and we have to be open about difficulties.

I enjoy your company, M, but it is right for you to go up to a higher class. Your spoken English is very fluent, though you make plenty of/ a lot of/ mistakes. I will miss your quick mind and your vitality.

Thank you, Se, for telling me that you need English for a hotel management course. I can feel that you really want to learn and I guess you will learn very fast. It is much easier for you learn to English from Italian, French and German than it is to learn it from Arabic or Korean. Apart from Se, how many people speak more than two languages in this group? You tell me that your letter is very short because you have been drinking beer with your new friends. Please write me a longer letter next time.

I would like to hear about everybody's family. I know, A, that you are number seven of eight brothers. I know, J M R, that you have a kid brother in the special Korean class. When I meet a person I think about his father and mother, his brothers and sisters.

In some ways, B, my seven year-old son, is my best friend. He makes getting up and going to bed good, he makes mealtimes good. I like telling him stories.

Who told you stories when you were children? Did people read you stories or TELL you stories?

Can you all write me a long letter tomorrow, please?

Yours sincerely,

Mario.