

Carly 801.11 (S)

Dear Everybody,

M [redacted], your letter was 200% better than last week. I can understand all the words you wrote. The grammar is OK. The letter is a full page long, not three lines. You are beginning to conquer the problem of writing English

Welcome, So [redacted], to this group. These first days of your six months at CAE are important. You arrived saying " I don't speak English " but actually you do understand and speak a little. I feel you will learn very quickly. Don't let Se [redacted] fill your ears with French.

Se [redacted], you write: " I am pleased to study in England but I need the power I get from working" What do you mean by " the power I get from working" ? You also say that you don't sleep well and have nightmares (bad dreams). I wonder why this is happening. Do you know why?

J [redacted], when you watch TV you will not understand everything. If you understood everything you would not be in my class- you would be in a higher class. J [redacted], you, like Se [redacted], talk about losing your confidence. You are actually doing very well. You speak in class much more fluently than 5 days ago.

No, J [redacted], your letter this week is better than when your host family helped you last week! It is fuller and you are speaking more confidently. Jungwon, when you speak English are you thinking in English or are you translating in your head from Korean? Have you yet dreamt in English?

A [redacted], you say you will have to join the army when you get back to Turkey. You will serve in the army for 15 months. How long do men have to serve in the Saudi army, in the Ivory Coast army, in the Swiss army etc...? I am interesting to hear that you think Istanbul is too big and Gaziantep is a good-sized town with its one million inhabitants.

L [redacted] in your letter you tell me that you went to the Fitzwilliam museum on Saturday. You accompanied your host family. You were impressed by the ancient Egyptian coffins. Yes, they are very special. The Ancient Egyptians had very strong feelings about Death. Has anybody else been to this museum?

K [redacted], I notice I have not received a letter from you today. Are you still unsure of what to write about? Really you can write about anything you feel happy and safe to write about. I know very little about Saudi Arabia. I know only a tiny bit about your family. I know virtually nothing about your job. When I write to you I am happy for you come up with whatever you want to talk about. I don't want to ask you detective or policeman questions. One reason I love my job is that I learn a lot from the students.

Yours warmly,

Mario.

