

Dear L [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter. I had sort of guessed that this might be good medium for you and for me too, as we are both interestingly under-socialised. In my case I was educated at home until 12 and did not start basic socialisation outside the family until I was in my early teens. Rather late. I must have been one the best read 12 year-olds in Europe, but at some cost.

You could really have great fun creating a whole set of exercises to suit intra-personal language learners, people who like to have real fun on their own, without eternal socialising. Why not produce a few before you leave Canterbury to try out with us?

You are right in thinking that at one point last week I did block your comments to me when I was trying to focus on the whole group. On the one hand I was appreciative of your wish to share thoughts with me but I was also aware of the need to pay as far as possible equal attention to all and to be seen to be doing so.

It is interesting; sometimes when you open up dialogue I feel like I am being let in on your internal monologue. The underground river surfaces suddenly without preamble or lead-in. This gives your openings a special quality and sometimes a certain mystery. I [REDACTED] J [REDACTED] is similar to you in this respect ( tall, big guy ).

I would be interested to know how these beginnings seem for your side.

Mario.