

Dear All,

Today I am going to ask you to think about what we have been doing so far and decide how you want us to proceed next week. Over this week I have proposed what we do....now it's your turn... There may be things you want more of....there may be things you want less of.....

One serious attempt I have made is to offer you a wide variety of text types....P█'s yesterday was very different to (from) D█'s the day before. The writers in the N Scientist do not write in the same register as the girl in Sarawak. I have also tried to offer you exercise frames that encourage you to produce a fairly wide range of text. Telling a story to represent yourself evoked different language from the style you used to interview the four people yesterday afternoon.

I agree with M█ that language flows more easily when the body is somehow involved. And if not the body then the emotions.

Interestingly, working at a fairly strong emotive level, makes the clear language level differences within the group less salient.

I would certainly like to thank you for a very enjoyable first week. I work for pleasure and this week has been even more pleasurable than my story -telling course in Goiania , Brasil, last week. Right now some moments of that course float back into mind but they are well in the past.

This week-end fills me a twinge of apprehension. Just before going to Brasil I took delivery of a 12 foot sailing boat. It will be my first time out on the open sea. I have done a little sailing in Norfolk on the Broads but that water is cosily enclosed by land. I guess sailing could become a time-swallowing passion. Do any of you sail? Please think of me bobbing on the waves off Whitstable!

Have a good week-end,


Mario.