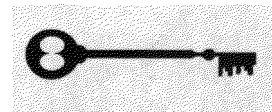


Lesson 22 Key



Activity One: Bilingual

To learn a second language like a baby is almost impossible; it can only be done if it is learnt with the first language when a baby! In practice people start learning their second language too late.

With a background of another culture, they will speak one language at home, and the second outside. Usually it is the family language which is the stronger; the second, even if it is spoken outside, will be less powerful. A person is seen to be non-bilingual because their language is often too “posh”, and unlike the language of most people around, without the regional “patois”.

To learn any language, regular contact is essential. The more you are exposed to it, the more familiar you become. You will never learn the language well of any country, even if you live there, without this contact.

(140 Words)

Activity Two

- a) Icarus wanted to fly close to the sun, and was disappointed he could not; in the legend his wings melted in the sun and he fell into the sea and drowned. The point of the legend is we should not be too ambitious...
- b) “bilingual” means “being able to speak (usually fluently) two languages.” “Patois” is the local dialect of people in a particular region or district
- c) The main secret of learning through relaxed practise you develop, “conditioned reflex.” That is to say, you associate words with their meanings automatically, and so learn them.
- d) i) “Natural” “by nature”, “without any conscious effort” ii) “Spontaneous” “voluntary”, “without preparation”
- e) The main problem is that one is only in contact with the foreign language for a limited time, whereas the baby is in contact all the time. Also the baby learns in a relaxed way, whereas older people become tense and nervous.
- f) Through living in a “ghetto”, you lack contact with the language you wish to learn, you only hear your own language.
- g) “Only connect” means “to make contact especially with people.”

Activity Three: Eating out - Chinese Style

The Jasmine Restaurant was nearly empty as Diane and Andrew had arrived early. Andrew ordered, and they looked over the attractive green where the children were still playing in the gathering dusk; this was the best part of Passworth.

Andrew talked about himself, and Diane enjoyed listening. They drank dry sherry and ate prawn chow mein, sweet and sour pork, and a light nectarine dessert with for wine a medium dry Bordeaux. Now Andrew was relaxed and at ease, he was quite different from when he was with Helen, interesting and cultivated, the complete “gentleman” in Diane’s view, not “snobby” as Helen saw him.

At nine o’clock, Diane had to go to the social her father was holding; but she asked Andrew if he would like to come. He was delighted to come as he had not been to such a party for a long time. (144 Words)

Activity Four

- a) It was autumn or spring; dusk arrived relatively early
- b) Andrew clearly felt rather tense and nervous, probably excited
- c) Diane is rich and from a wealthy background; this can be seen from the way she refers to her father’s socials, obviously frequent where **he** entertains would-be business customers. She regards herself as an equal socially to Andrew.

Helen is from a lower class, she is a practical girl with an attractiveness that has captivated Andrew. She respects but does not understand him fully; she thinks of him as “snobby” and “aloof.”

- d) Andrew is rather shy and needs to be brought out by the person he is talking to. When relaxed he is a good talker, but otherwise he is probably rather tongue tied. He is almost certainly a teacher, from the passage, at the school where Diane works. He does not fit in there very well with his colleagues, hence his shyness. It is clear he invited Diane out at very short notice from the fact she has to go early. He can only have given her such short notice for a date they clearly both wanted (thus her inviting Andrew to her social) because he had had been unable to speak to her earlier. Not an unusual experience for someone both shy and sensitive, as Andrew is.
- e) He missed the parties he was used to back at his Surrey home in Camberford. It is obvious that his accommodation with Mrs. Reynolds is far from luxurious.

So this is Lesson 22: and now you will have a chance to practice (without your Key) recent topics in a Progress Test! The test will be a summing up of all we have been covering in this Course of Good English. As ever we wish you the very best of luck!