

**STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS OF CENTRAL MACEDONIA IN
NORTHERN GREECE
CELEBRATE EUROPEAN DAY OF MODERN LANGUAGES.**

Teachers of English in Schools of Thessaloniki, Central Macedonia in Northern Greece, were advised by School Advisor Angeliki Deligianni- Georgakas to use the following activity to celebrate the European Day of Foreign Languages on 26th September 2008.

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THE EUROPEAN DAY OF MODERN LANGUAGES 2008.

The European Day of languages is an important celebration for all of us. On special occasions friends give presents to each other. Let your students offer words as a present.

Ask your students to:

- think of a word that they would like to give someone as a present.
(encourage your Ss to use their own language, if different from Greek).
- think of an image related to that word.
- write both on a piece of paper – together with their name – and give it to you, their teacher.
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Word: "Change"

The word "change" is a catalyst in the lives of adolescents. Teenagers are in a transitional state of mind where many interchanging situations seem to always attract their attention and set them on a path of action and enthusiasm.

However, "change" is much more than a state of mind; it's a way of life. With healthy and purely motivated intentions comes fruitful progress and evolution. The new generation in its entirety thrives for change, ~~thrives~~ the feeling of having an impact on current matters and lifestyles.

By using the word "change" one could start a blazing fire of rebellion in the youths of today; one could burn down the fraud and masquerade of this century's pretentiousness and shape a world in the image of purity, innocence and immaculate motivation. As in the historic days of the Renaissance when cultural, social and humanitarian variables and factors evolved and provided us with this day's global community, so must we take the images of "change" from the paintings we prize and bring them to life.

It's about time we came out of our protective shells and paid attention to our global society which is in grave need of dramatic "change". As a teenager, an independent mind and a conscious human being, I propose we take off our masks, pull up our sleeves and get working with bringing the blessed winds of change upon our world. Let us paint the picture of our "Utopia", our safe haven ...our future...

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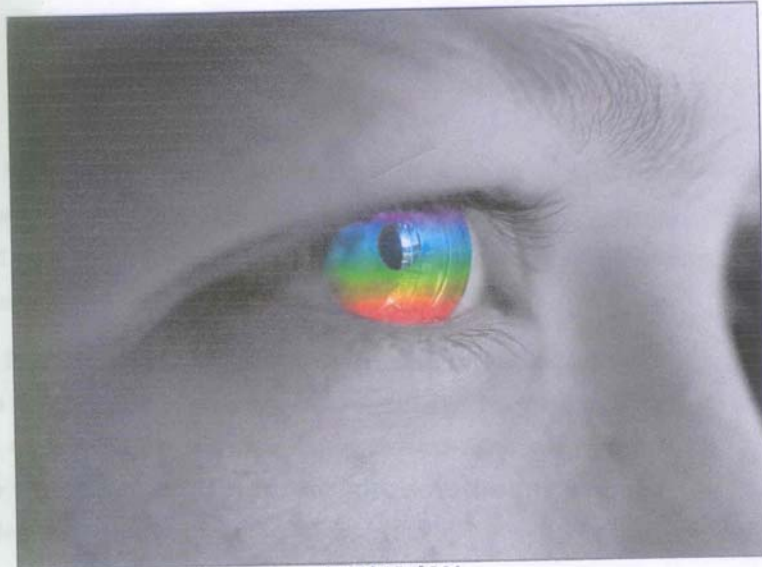
A WORD THAT I WOULD GIVE AS A PRESENT

If I had to give a word as a ^{gift} ~~give~~ that would be "hope". I just think that this is the most appropriate word because everybody needs to hope for something better.

For instance, if your life has disappointed you, keep smiling and say "good morning" to yourself. The next day will bring something brand new and you have to explore it. Under no circumstances should you be hopeless.

It seems like a necessity, since you cannot live without hoping; it is a basic need of every human being. What would happen if we did not have hope? Our life would be gloomier. Furthermore, no one can deprive somebody of his hope.

To recapitulate, everyone has to hope in life and be optimistic. So never give up because it is widely known that "you can't always get what you want but if you try sometimes you get what you need". Do not let adversity tear you apart. Look on the bright side of life!



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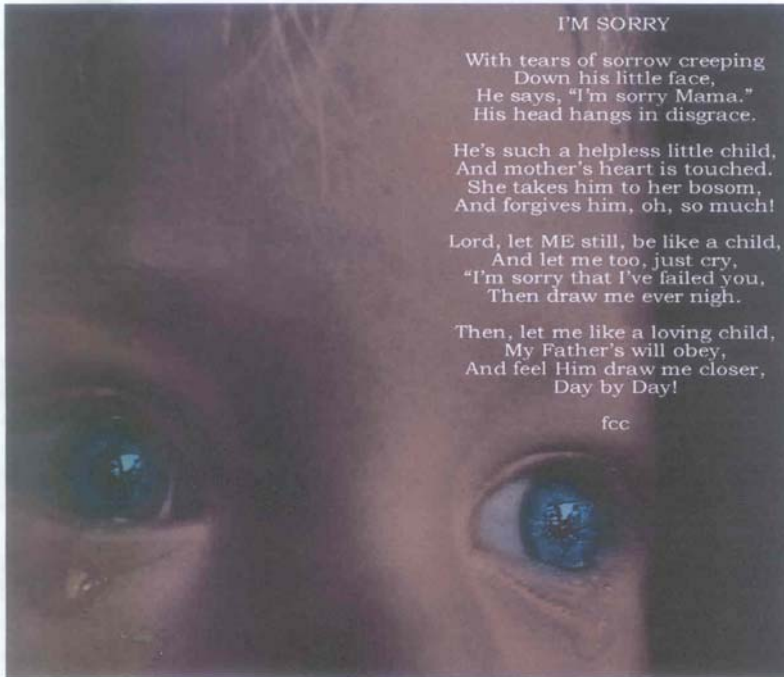
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I'm sorry...

By Elli Mourati



I'M SORRY

With tears of sorrow creeping
Down his little face,
He says, "I'm sorry Mama."
His head hangs in disgrace.

He's such a helpless little child,
And mother's heart is touched.
She takes him to her bosom,
And forgives him, oh, so much!

Lord, let ME still, be like a child,
And let me too, just cry,
"I'm sorry that I've failed you,
Then draw me ever nigh.

Then, let me like a loving child,
My Father's will obey,
And feel Him draw me closer,
Day by Day!

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Sorry is not easy to be found, it's the most priceless gift and the hardest word...

Elli Mourati-I'm sorry...

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If we look the word "sorry" up in a dictionary we will see that it means "feeling sad and sympathetic". However, if we look for it in people's heart, what will we see?

There are some moments in life when you feel the need to cry and to express your anger, because somebody has hurt your feelings, not by his deeds but by his words. In this case you feel down in the dumps, because nobody can heal the wounds of your soul. Still, there is a word that can make you feel better, the word "sorry". This word conveys a lot of feelings able to mitigate the sorrow in your eyes.

It is commonly believed that only a weak person says sorry so as to avoid the troubles. Nevertheless, for me only a courageous person is strong enough to acknowledge his mistakes. In so doing, he willingly admits that he is wrong and I believe it requires a lot of strength to do it. On top of this, by saying sorry not only do you accept the fact that you've wrong but you are determined to prove it, because as we say *actions speak louder than words*. Therefore, you have to show that you really mean it. The person who is to forgive you must feel the remorse on behalf of you. What is more, when you repent ^{of} what you did you respect the other's feelings and you can fully comprehend the fact that he is trying to defend himself.

Once, I quarreled with my mother about something really stupid but competent enough to make us not talk to each other for days. Of course, it was my fault but I was too selfish and stubborn to confess my mistake. Then one day I said to her "mum, I'm sorry". You can even imagine how relieved I felt when I managed to utter the very words. Furthermore, I realized that I was strong enough to deal with any kind of problems.

On the other hand, I could feel my mum's love and her will to help me, because through her I learnt not to care only for myself. She is constantly saying that we have to think before we do anything, because we don't know the repercussions of ^{our words} in addition, she claims that when somebody is asking for forgiveness we should forgive him because it's better to forgive than to be sorry. When you find the courage to forgive then after a while you forget what happened and you reminisce largely the good days. However, when you say sorry, you recall what happened and you have to be too strong to fight with the memories.

To recapitulate, for me, saying sorry is a confession. In court, an innocent confesses the truth and a guilty lies. Well, the same happens in life too. There are some people who have truly regretted and some who say sorry without actually meaning it. However, in the long run the truth will be known and it will have good or bad effects, respectively. The fact is that sometimes a word can make people feel things that a present will never do. Sorrow and sorry are two words that sound pretty similar. The former reminds of a shabby present that exists but we don't need it. While the latter is not easy to be found, it's the most priceless gift and the hardest word...

Elli Mourati-I'm sorry...



“Happiness”

“ There seems to be a confusion
Between comfort and happiness ...
People of our times and people of the future
Care more about comfort, not happiness “

(E. Fromm)

“Happiness”

In particular circumstances we all wished for happiness because it is the most precious good that you can offer a person. But, I wonder, however, what happiness really is and all people search for desperately ?

The significance of happiness is closely connected to luck. So, according to this equivalence, happiness is not something other than a coincidence of favorable terms in the life of each person. However, can a concept with such a wide and individually specific content be mainly a coincidence?

Happiness is a concept with a relative meaning. Each one of us can give a different definition for this word and its meaning. Each one conceives it differently, proportionally with his/her temperament and his opinions about life. So for one person, happiness, is a happy, healthy family, for another person it is the harmonious relation with God, for someone else it is the harmonious living together ...

The common person relates happiness with material goods, with persons and things. But, in my opinion this is a great mistake, that most of the times all of us make.

Self-knowledge and self-confidence are motions additional to happiness. A person who does not converse with himself, who ignores himself and his problems who does not have confidence in himself, who absolutely does not believe in what he does, cannot despite all the above feel unhappy even if he is encircled by a crowd of varied material goods.

Thus the only thing that remains in order to keep the person strong in the predicaments of life is stubbornness, patience, struggle moderation, calmness that are factors of self-knowledge and self-confidence, principles that play a decisive role in the conquest of an essential and long-lasting happiness. Happiness in order to be acquired stubbornness and struggle and in order for it to be maintained, needs faith and effort. Otherwise, we will reach the point of calling happiness the stress for enrichment the tendency for imposition on the others.

Happiness with robust foundations self-confidence will advance in the joy of solidarity. If the persons who constitute our social environment, the acquaintances and unknown who surround us, are happy, then, our trial happiness will have meaning.

Consequently, I consider that happiness is a creative value and an integral piece from human development and progress, and that is the reason I would like to offer this word as a present to a friend in a particular circumstance.

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