

## Re: Culture clash

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It seems to me I heard somewhere that Cindy wrote in article <1189288174.749930.72290@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:

In addition to your comments, if a person who speaks same phrases of a certain foreign language daily, he will sound totally fluent at it. For instance, if he is a flight attendant and delivers public announcement in Japanese every time, he will memorize the lines and makes himself sound like a bilingual. However, if his flight got hijacked or was to go through a crash landing or a pregnant passenger started a labor or something (panic time), I doubt that he would maintain his Japanese fluency. You can say the same to Japanese English speakers (just like me). When you want to brag and show off your foreign language skill, you got to choose the topic that you are familiar with.

Does memorization and constant use do away with accented pronunciation from the mother language?

By the way, I am so \_\_\_\_\_ about American geriatric people. Most people are all right. They treat me normal. Some are so observant and so sweet. Just listening to their story and acknowledging it and validating the person, and she feels so taken--cared or something. She calls my supervisor and tells her how good my care was and so on. That is nice. However, once in a blue moon, some patient is so sick that she has to make everything difficult. She has to put everybody in misery -- the registration staff, the receptionist, her daughter and me. She murmurs to me when I am busy working on her. When I cannot hear clearly, I say "Excuse me" or "Pardon me", then she gets wild -- "Get someone else! Get someone else!" Yeah, this geriatric female treats me like shit. So, I get Jeanie for her; then, she says "Ohhhh, thank you, Jeanieeee" The exam I am doing is called gastro enema. After the injection of gastro(graphin), she could not make it to the restroom, so she defecated on the exam table. Who do you think stayed with her and cleaned up her ass? Me, myself and I. She was so prejudice and racial that she could not stand me not understanding her unclear English at first hearing and had to have a native English

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speaker, but the Jeanie left and I stayed. Hospital is a strange place, you may be taken care by the ethnic group people that you hate.

So by your own words most geriatrics are good people but once in a blue moon you get one who's a pain in the butt, so you hate the entire ethnic (?) group and are "so \_\_\_\_\_ about American geriatric people)?

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