

## Re: Culture clash

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On Sep 9, 12:33 pm, Don Kirkman <[dons...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:dons...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

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

I had to look up "to do away with" in the dictionary, you know. See how hard English is sometimes. My answer is -- you get better and sound fluent enough. If you go on a tour in a foreign country, say Paris, they will provide a bilingual guide. He or she will speak English to guide you and such English is fairly decent as long as you are on the topic (history or geography or such). However, if you switch to a subject that is totally unrelated with Paris such as the Dallas Cowboys, forget their fluency.

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)?

I still can't find the appropriate word for that. Perhaps, I should put an "interesting" for positive lie and "a pain in the ass" for negative honesty.

I notice many geriatric American people have Alzheimer's as well. It's a different kind of comprehension. You say, "Now, you can change your clothes. This is your shirt, isn't it?" Then, she says, "This isn't mine!" I just drop my mandible to the floor and get help. Try understanding how I feel when I have to judge someone is not normal. That's very very sad.

One Sunday evening, one geriatric female patient died on me. She was DNR (Do Not Resuscitate). It was my first time seeing a dead body. That was a shock. I was so shocked that I could not speak properly. However, the charge nurse was professional; therefore, she didn't make any fuss about my language and took information. See, unlike those smart asses in some newsgroups, true professionals don't look at how

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fluent is the person is.

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