

Re: Learning a language

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"Eugene Holman" <holman@elo.helsinki.fi> wrote in message news:holman->
> *Elaborating their own norms for English would also have given the slaves*
> *the elements of a new social identity.*

What do you mean by that? Could you rephrase it in a plain English. What does it mean "elaborating their own norms for English?" What norms? Grammatical norms of their previous language? How could they be elaborated for English? I am beginning to get a feeling that making vague statements is a norm in your profession. Or perhaps it is an idiom of sorts? Don't bother answering if you are making a sarcastic remark in here. Then it "makes sense."