

BLT Before reading (pp. 13 - 21) : Italy

With your partner:

- talk about Italian food in general
- and in particular what recipes you know
- does eating making you feel comfortable and even happy?

When you think about travelling -

- do you like travelling? Visiting new places?
- do you prepare beforehand, read quite a bit?
- are you in a hurry to get somewhere?
- can you pack light?
- do you make friends with people who are also travelling?

She wants to learn Italian because it is so beautiful. Why are you in this group?

Look at the picture on page 17 (even if it is a terrible picture!) After the sunset, she says, she starts thinking too much. I don't think it's the sunset that makes her sad. Do you agree with me?

She writes: *Depression gives me that dark smile, then sits in my favourite chair and puts his feet on my table. Loneliness watches, then climbs into my bed. He's going to make me sleep with him again tonight. I just know it.*

She imagines that Depression and Loneliness are real beings. Does this help you to understand her?

(Hoffmannsthal's *Jederman* is on in at Deutsches Theater.)

She writes in a notebook-cum-diary to sort out her thoughts. Do you know of anything similar that is helpful?

She says that she grew up on a farm and had never seen or experienced laziness at home. Can this be true of other ways of life, too?

What is the difference between pleasure and entertainment?



For next time (24th?) please read the rest of the chapter called Italy, and make five right/wrong sentences about the last little chapter 6 (pages 29 - 31)

For Parts 4 and 5 in class:

1. The expression 'I've been there'. Do you know other expressions that sound so different from what they mean?
2. She likes the Italian word 'Attraversiamo'. Why do you think she likes it? Do you have favourite words (in different languages)? Which English words do you like?
3. Sofie is travelling Europe. Nowadays but also in the past many people travel large parts of the world, often on their own. Have you done it? Would you like to (have done)? What are the benefits etc. (Apart from collecting illnesses!)
4. See Naples and die. Does this expression exist in German, too? What is special about Naples?
5. She thinks the pizza is like a person and can love her back (p, 23). Does this make you smile? Which inanimate objects can seem to have personalities?
6. She is pleased to see in the mirror that she is happier and healthier than previously (p. 23). How do you feel about mirrors and photos? Do you take a lot of selfies?
7. She stares at the computer until her cell phone rings. It seems to be fate - tho really Giovanni has been waiting for her for ages (p. 25). Do you think things sometimes coi-incide?
8. We've talked about travelling but lets recap about how you feel about visitng one place after the next. (p. 26)
9. What charm does Venice have for you? (p. 26)
10. Can you say 'thank you' in several languages?
11. What kinds of traveling companions do you like? (p. 27)
- 12 a/b. What about the idea of a word for a city? And for yourself?