Language Pie Activity

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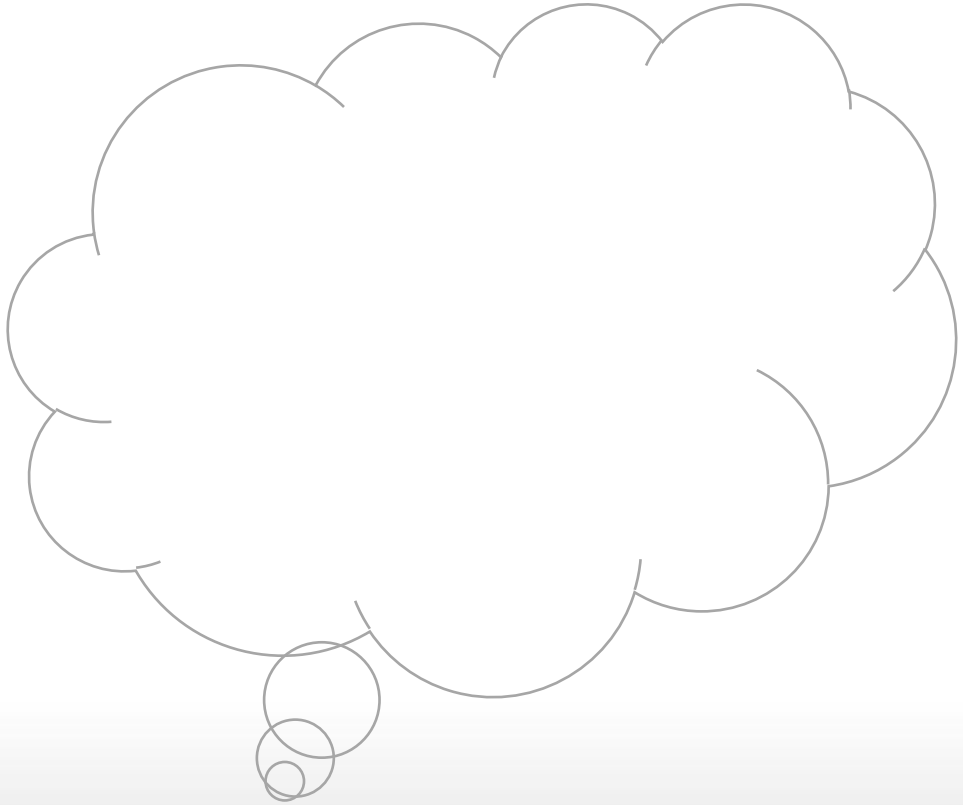

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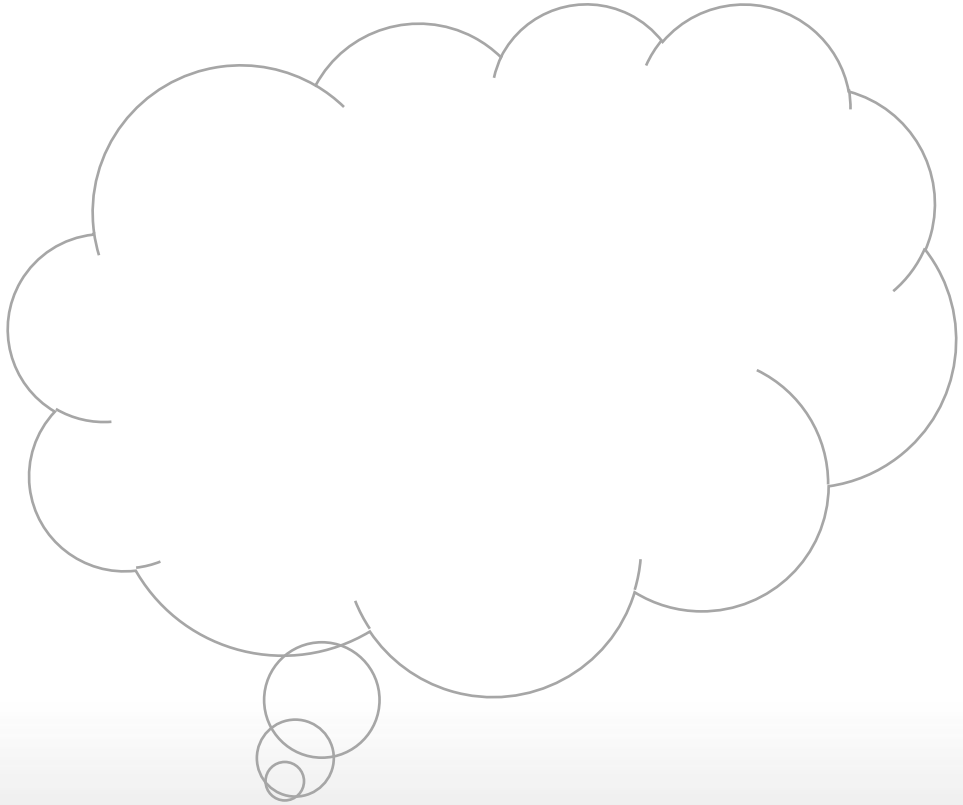

We have tools to challenge our unconscious assumptions about language.

Let's try one.

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- If you should create a pie chart with slices representing all **the ways you speak [or write]**, what slices would be in your pie? How would your personal communicative repertoire look like?

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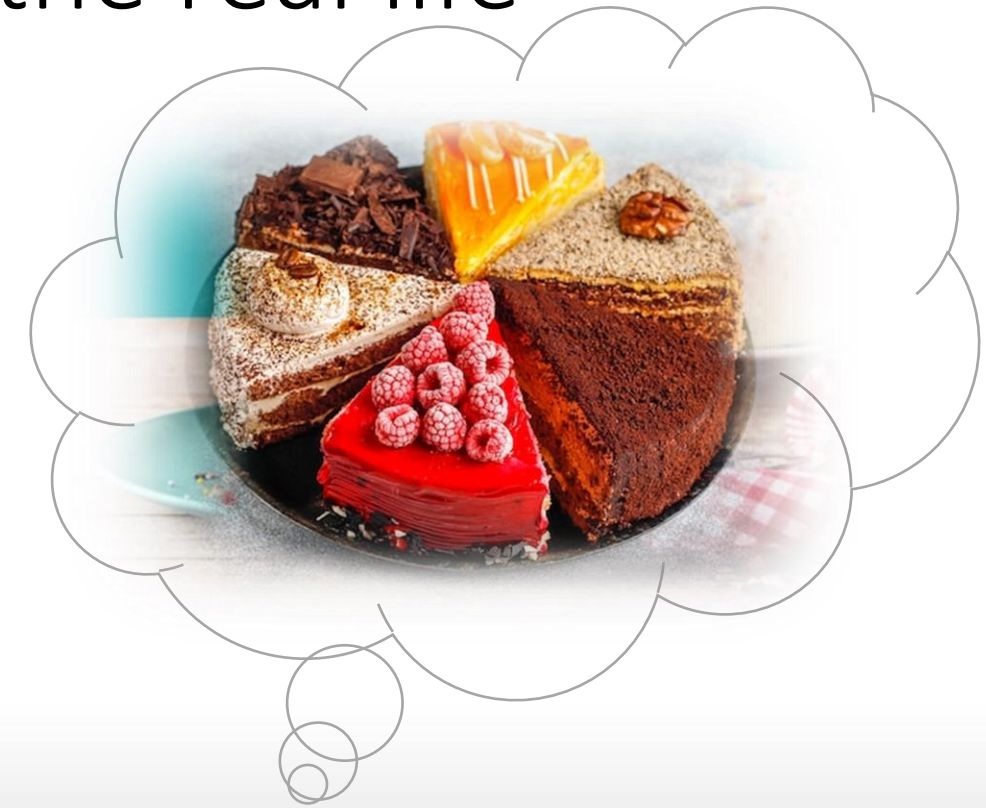
Language in not homogeneous and stable

Language has layers!

Language has flavours = emotional aspects in the real life



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Look back to about **[three months]** and estimate the shares in your total language pie repertoire visually.

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… Reflect and notice **what characteristics** of language you use **to discern** one piece from another.

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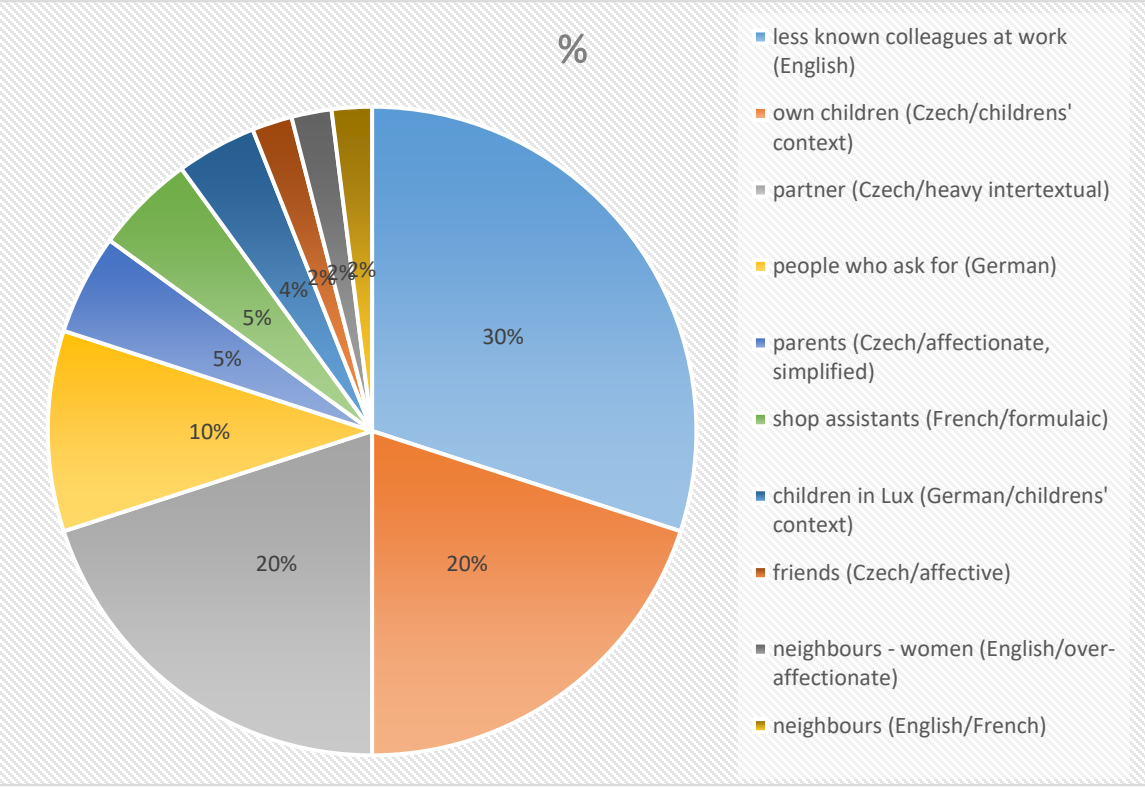

Addressees
less known colleagues at work (English)
own children (Czech/childrens' context)
partner (Czech/heavy intertextual)
people who ask for (German)
parents (Czech/affectionate, simplified)
shop assistants (French/formulaic)
children in Lux (German/childrens' context)
friends (Czech/affective)
neighbours - women (English/over-affectionate)
neighbours (English/French)

Discerning characteristics
strangers/known
close/not close
common context/no context
age
affect/no affect

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