

exercise 1.

please find and circle all “war” words in the text

how are you?

as for me, well, today i feel pretty ok. i did some warm-ups and washed the plates and glassware that piled up in the sink. finally i've sorted the laundry and organized my wardrobe. i practiced art a bit – i drew arms.

it hit me i was unaware of how warm it was outside. nothing can thwart the spring. i went for a stroll today. my feet led me riverwards. i noticed the sign “beware of the dog”. “beware of uncertainty”, that's what i thought. few artists can foresee things that are about to happen. the threat often comes without warning. i am like a flower that follows the sun as it moves westward across the sky. i'm like a moth doomed to head towards the light

the fear is as straightforward as the truth. i guess i've turned into a person who'll always be wary of loud sounds. i've got used to feeling like a coward. sometimes i feel like everyone can see me. i'm just like a crow arriving at the north pole.

today i can't work efficiently. everything that i am capable of now is just regular mail forwarding. occasionally i am rewarded with some sleep. generally, people call that insomnia.

my mind is like a raw area – red, wet, and pulsating. but i have no right to be led by my weaknesses. i'm as strict as a prison warden. my inner child must grow armed. i don't want to build the bulwark against the reality any more.

it feels so awkward to tell you that.

and how are you?

warm wishes from Kyiv,

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