ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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Jeremy Clarkson is not my favourite commentator, but even I have to admit that he uses the English language wonderfully. His article in today's Sunday Times is terrific and well worth a read by anyone who loves languages (warning - xenophobic content).

> *Iâ€™ve just spent the week in Moscow with a Russian publisher whose English was so perfect heâ€™d started to delve into the furthest reaches of Rogetâ€™s Thesaurus. This was a mistake. It meant he kept referring to Russian secret service agents as â€œladsâ€ .*
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> *I wanted to pull him up on it, but you try explaining to a Russian why someone who puts polonium in a chapâ€™s lunch is not a â€œladâ€ or even a â€œblokeâ€ . And while he may be a â€œchapâ€ to his senior officer, to the rest of us, and to his girlfriend, heâ€™s a â€œguyâ€ .*