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## The other person's feelings

Imagine yourself in their position...

**How do you think the other people felt in the situation at the time? This can be difficult but try and imagine what they felt at the time. Happy or upset/stressed, or what? How did you know?**

**What do you think they were thinking when all this happened? Do you think they found it strange, or interesting, or what?**

Choose one or more of these or add your own and say why you have chosen it.

For them it was an everyday experience/an unusual experience/a surprising experience/a shocking experience/because...

I am sure Peter was nervous showing me these things, that were very important to his identity and his life. He did not know then that I was curious about his background and that I am interested in cultures and new things. I am sure he was worried about what I would think and how I would react. It is hard to be a refugee (they had been in Sweden for 5 years escaping civil war), and come to a strange country where everything is different.

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Choose one or more of the options below and complete the sentence or add your own ideas.

The other people involved in the experience appeared to have the following feelings - surprise/shock/delight/no special feelings/...

I am just guessing Peter's thoughts and feelings, but am pretty sure I am correct from the way he would lead in to things, for instance I did not know I would meet his mother until after we had eaten. Perhaps he was 'testing the waters' before taking such a big step.

I honestly cannot say what Maria might have been thinking. I am unaware to this day whether she knew she would meet me, or if she even knew about me. She seemed a bit surprised, but she was pleasant, however still guarded.

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I noticed this because of what they did/said and/or how they looked, for example they... (say what you noticed)

It is interesting to mention that later on she often mentioned how I was not like other Swedes, mentioned as something positive, which I at the time and later have had problems with being okay with.

I am guessing she might have felt protective. Over her son, herself, her house, her culture, everything, since I was sort of an outsider coming in, and coming in through such a personal gateway.

I am not sure because they seemed to hide their feelings...

The way I observed it, and reflecting on it now, it seems to me that Maria was very much hiding the way she felt. She was very guarded, and although she was pleasant she was not showing me the "real her". I know that because as time passed I got to know her a great deal more and although she was always guarded she let me in a lot further.

## What else?

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