

Re: Academic/scientific journals in Esperanto?

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>>>>> *but possibly of a new Manx language rather than the old one. I expect*

>>>>> *that the same applies to Hebrew, there are surely native speakers of*

>>>>> *Hebrew alive today but is it the same language as the old Hebrew?*

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>>>>> *Define "same" ...*

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>>>> *A good question. I don't know if there is a standard answer.*

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>>>> *Most languages evolve over time and hence in a sense a language today*

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>>>> *not "most"*

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>>>> *I put "most" in case someone came back with an obscure language that*

>>>> *(they claimed) remained constant over time. I did not want to get into*

>>>> *any irrelevant disputes about that subject. I would regard "Most X are*

>>>> *Y" to be true even if in fact "All X are Y".*

That is uncooperative, in terms of Grice's Conversational Postulates.

When you say "most" but mean 'all', the reader has to try to figure out what loophole you're leaving yourself.

>>> *may be significantly different from the language of the same name from*

>>> *a century before even if there were a substantial numbers of native*

>>> *speakers for the entire period.*

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>>>> *over one century, not "significantly" different. How much trouble do you*

>>>> *have understanding your grandparents?*

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