

## Re: Related languages (Re: A China–Sumer connection)

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> "Neeraj Mathur" <neemathur@hotmail.com> wrote in message

> news:d1af19\$7ig\$1@news.ox.ac.uk...

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[snip]

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>> *I'm a bit confused here, because the definition of 'creole' that I gave,*

>> *which you agree with, was based entirely on grammar and structure (note*

>> *phrases like 'simplified languages', 'grammatical complexity'). Vocabulary*

>> *has nothing to do with that definition of creole.*

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> *Hmm, not to my ear.*

Then you're *\*dis\**agreeing with the given definition.

> *I hear what happens when Mexicans, Anglos, Haitians and*

> *Jamaicans have to work together. Not too long before they speak a language*

> *in everyday use that heh, no one ELSE understands. Then the words I used*

> *before "contact and blending" (Martin also said blending, I think) is more*

> *appropriate.*

[...]

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>>> *Imo word order doesn't matter that much in spoken English. You can wreck*

>>> *the language and still communicate fine. "I'm a leave out." "He left*

>>> *out." (it means, "I'm going to go" and "He is gone.") Do you understand*

>>> *that?*

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>> *To be perfectly honest, I didn't understand either! Are there regions*

>> *where that is normal or acceptable?*

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> *It's everyday speech and no, it's not regional at all!*

Of course it's regional, or Neeraj wouldn't have asked. If I said "I'm a

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leave out" to anyone I know, they wouldn't have a clue what I meant.

> *I just said to the*

>*handyman before, when he asked me "Where you were?" I answered, "*