

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

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António Marques wrote:

> *Comm wrote:*

> >>> *And NO, many Italian speaking people can NOT understand*
> >>> *Spanish. In fact, the ONLY Italian people I know that*
> >>> *understand Spanish also speak it because they learned it.*
> >>
> >> *Standard italian may be close enough to spanish to be mutually*
> >> *intelligible, given some vocabulary shopping. Yet your other*
> >> *friends are reputed to understand portuguese, spanish, italian*
> >> *and french without having learned those!*
> >
> > *I didn't say that. You did. Learn to read more carefully.*
>
> *You've repeated that accusation in the past, only to be found out*
that
> *everyone had it the same as I did. Have you or have you not claimed*
to
> *have a 'hispanic' friend who understands all kinds of 'hispanic' and*
> *italian, and an italian friend who understands spanish and french*
> *without having studied them?*

Yes and no, respectively, but she did argue that Romanian WASN'T a Romance language because his Hispanic friend didn't recognize it. So, presumably, Spanish is not a Romance language either, by the same argument, or else Italian people would be able to understand it.

It's all subjective: how a language sounds; whether or not you can understand it. Forgive her. Comm isn't trained in the scientific method: she relies too much on intuition. She knows this and she admits this but she doesn't see it as a problem.

Martin