

Re: How close is Vietnamese to Mandarin or Cantonese?

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>>>>>>> FYI, "typhoon" is [t'Oi22 fUN55] in Cantonese. So, if you

>>>>>>> think "typhoon" came from Cantonese, you not only have to

>>>>>>> explain the discrepancy in the final "n", but also the

>>>>>>> wrongly spelt diphthong in the first syllable.

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>>>>>>> Can you point to any English word that ends with, or even

>>>>>>> contains, the sequence "oong" /uwN/? -- Peter T. Daniels

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>>>>>> benlizross> Is every little phonotactic gap like this assumed to

>>>>>> benlizross> be the result of a Rule of English Phonology? I

>>>>>> benlizross> believe the Aussies have /uN/ in "boong". (And maybe

>>>>>> benlizross> some sinophiles pronounce names like "Fung" and "Sung"

>>>>>> benlizross> that way.) Even if we imagine that /uwN/ is somehow

>>>>>> benlizross> impossibl