

# Re: Reading depends on writing, in Chinese

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> Austin P. So (Hae Jin) wrote:

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>> Reading depends on writing, in Chinese

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>> Language development entails four fundamental and interactive abilities:

>> listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Over the past four decades, a

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> No, it doesn't; reading and writing are strictly optional.

I'd say, even learning to speak is optional.

I grew up in a bilingual country where TV news used to be presented by a pair of reporters alternately reporting news items in their respective national languages; where the local cinema films in one of the two languages were never dubbed or subtitled.

I can perfectly understand both of these two languages but speak (let alone write) correctly only one of them.

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