

Re: Reading depends on writing, in Chinese

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Paul J Kriha wrote:

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> Peter T. Daniels <grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:42B0204C.68E3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> Austin P. So (Hae Jin) wrote:
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>>> Li Hai Tan *, John A. Spinks {dagger}, Guinevere F. Eden {ddagger},
>>> Charles A. Perfetti § and Wai Ting Siok *, ¶
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>>> Language development entails four fundamental and interactive abilities:
>>> listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Over the past four decades, a
>>
>> No, it doesn't; reading and writing are strictly optional.
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> I'd say, even learning to speak is optional.

Nope!

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

But not none of them.

It's literally impossible to keep a human child from learning the language(s) of its environment. (Unless, of course, you lock her in an attic and deprive her of all linguistic input until she's 12 or 13 years old.)

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