

## Re: Letters with **three** cases?

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Seán O'Leathlóbhair wrote:

- > Peter T. Daniels wrote:
- >> Nigel Greenwood wrote:
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- >>>> Peter T. Daniels wrote:
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- >>>>> Perhaps because it turned out that the victims of ita
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- > I can add anecdotal support. One of my friends is clever but a poor
- > speller, he even had embarrassing spelling mistakes in his PhD thesis.
- > He blames this on having been subjected to ITA as a child.

Well, yes, perhaps: ... "victims" ... "subjected to" ... Seán's friend is hardly a controlled study (might have been an even worse speller with conventional learning, for example).

I don't hold a specific brief for ita, but the objections to it sound a bit like the objections to learning to read & write Chinese using the Pinyin transliteration. This was tried out in N China at one stage, with the result that the youngsters quickly became literate, but were then reclassified as illiterate when they started learning characters. I'm afraid I don't know how they fared 10 years down the line.

Nigel

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ScriptMaster language resources (Chinese/Modern & Classical Greek/IPA/Persian/Russian/Turkish):  
<http://www.elgin.free-online.co.uk>

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