

Re: Orthography supporting sound changes?

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Ar an t-ochtú lá de mí Eanair, scríobh Peter T. Daniels:

>>>> Part of the displacement, at least, happened with military
>>>> service--cf. the Breton experience, where the first step in its
>>>> hopefully--reversing death was sparked by the realisation of
>>>> soldiers in the Grande Guerre that French as a vernacular was much
>>>> more useful--and soldiers under 16 in Europe haven t been the
>>>> normal course of events for a 150 years, at least.
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>>> Sorry, there's no way to relate French to Breton via "sound change."
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>> I didn t say there was. The process of displacement of the local
>> language by standard French was sparked off by military service; I cite
>> Breton because I have a source for it[1], but it would be silly to
>> imagine that the same process didn t happen for speakers of Romance
>> vernaculars.
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>> [1] BROUDIC (Fañch). – La pratique du breton de l'Ancien régime à nos
>> jours.
>
> So you switched the topic, without notice, from spelling pronunciation
> to "language shift." They may look to you like the same thing, but they
> most assuredly aren't.

The topic was how spelling pronunciation interacts with sound changes. I haven t seen anything ruling out language shifts between related dialects and the changes of sound inherent in that as sound changes in the specialised sense, and indeed the definitions I ve seen leave room for such an interpretation; please provide something ruling this out, if you have it.

> If for some reason you are unable to turn off the fucking curly quotes,
> then stop using contractions.

Would you prefer that I berate the quality of your newsreader every time it fucks up my directed quotation marks? If not, then we ve had this argument before, get over it.

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I AM IN JAIL AND ALLOWED SEND ONLY ONE CABLE SINCE WAS ARRESTED WHILE MEASURING FIFTEEN FOOT WALL OUTSIDE PALACE AND HAVE JUST FINISHED COUNTING THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDERED TWENTY TWO NAMES WHOS WHO IN MIDEAST.

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