

Re: New pronunciation of Bangalore

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lots (in absolute numbers if not in terms of percentages) of people in India grow up with as much exposure to English as a Luxemburger has to French, that is, schooling, media, literature.

It seems to me that by this standard many if not most Dutch and Scandinavians could be labelled native speakers of English. Would you agree? And if not why not?

Part of the problem is that 'native speaker' is a fuzzy category usually applied to people who grow up, go to school and conduct most of their life business in the same language.

It has a lot less application in places with histories of multi-lingualism, extreme diglossia or a non-local imposed prestige language. All three of those conditions tend to apply in many places of India where 'native speaker' is not a terribly viable category period.

—michael farris

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