

Re: Ranning away and fearing: IE BELGON basis

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Dusan Vukotic wrote:

Harlan Messinger wrote:

The point you keep missing is that every single pair of words with a mutual resemblance is not necessarily related. In fact, it would be a statistical anomaly if, given the limited phonetic range available, there **weren't** thousands of pairs of words among various languages that had superficial phonetic and semantic resemblances. And when one plays the kind of game you do, a sort of etymological Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon, where you feel free to create arbitrarily long sequences of concepts in which any two neighboring concepts are similar but the concepts on both ends may be completely unrelated, you're bound to turn up false positives in abundance.

They are the same morphologically and semantically they
have almost the same meaning.

Are you serious! You are following Kevin's six degrees crap? I thought we were discussing science and not belief in magical spells, occult forces and evil spirits!

Was I that unclear? I was characterizing what **you** do as resembling a game of Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon.

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