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in this book on the question raised in the title, as to whether language change is progress or decay. The answer is neither.

Disruptive and therapeutic tendencies vie with one another in a perpetual stalemate. There is no evidence that language is evolving in any particular direction.

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A third possibility is that language remains in a substantially similar state from the

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This is the view of the Belgian linguist Joseph Vendryès, who claimed that 'Progress in

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Chapter 17 concludes, as one might expect, that language change is neither a process of decay (despite the eternal moaners about how the language "is going down the drain", nor is it in itself progress (there is no sign that languages thousands of years ago were in any way "primitive").

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lexical changes,
semantic changes, and
syntactic changes.

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Examples of
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If you listen carefully,
you can hear language
change in progress. For
example, anymore is a
word that used to only
occur in negative
sentences, such as I
don't eat pizza
anymore . Now, in
many areas of the

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country, it's being used
in positive sentences,
like I've been eating a
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declension and
conjugation schemes,
whereas the modern
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languages have far
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