Being multilingual

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How will you help your child learn the languages you speak in your family?





How to teach a child two languages:

- Speak both languages on a daily basis
  so that your child becomes accustomed to words and sounds.
- If each parent has a different first language, it is best if you speak to the child in your first language, while the other parent uses theirs.
- It is good for children if their parents use the language, they know best when speaking to them.



- When your child begins to talk, they may use one language or the other, or switch between the two. Let them use whichever language they choose but continue to speak in your own language – even if they are speaking something different.
- Don’t correct them!
- Your child must be given the chance to use both languages.
- “Daily use” is the key to learning two languages at the same time!

Children have an amazing capacity to learn languages and can easily learn several languages at the same time.

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