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Supporting your child in their home language



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Children learning more than one language usually develop their language skills with no difficulty – just like children who are only learning one language!



Did you know?

- Helping your child's home language to develop first helps with learning *other* languages.
- Learning more than one language helps your child to understand their culture and talk to other family members and friends who speak their home language.
- Learning more than one language can also help with their learning.
- When a new language is introduced, for example when starting nursery, some children may not talk as much for a little while. This is normal and will pass with time.
- It is also common for children learning two languages to mix up their languages.

Sometimes

How you can help

- Talk to your child in your strongest language. This will give them the best start with learning other languages.
- Use your language when out and about with your child.
- Encourage your child to feel proud of their home language and of knowing more than one language.
- It's fine to use more than one language if you are confident in both languages.
- Sing nursery rhymes and songs to your child in your own language.
- Read or tell stories in your home language
- Talk to your child about what they did at playgroup or nursery in your language. If they use English words in response then that is fine 😊 Just repeat what they said using your language but do not correct them or try to make them use your language.
- Turn off the TV when no one is watching it, because constant background noise can distract you and your child from, listening and talking to you.

