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Speaking multiple languages at home: Every family has its own story

Alternating between languages is learning.

It's normal for children who grow up with several languages to mix them. They draw from a multilingual repertoire according to their needs and will gradually learn to adapt to different contexts by alternating between their languages.





Speak your language, a little, a lot... or not all the time.

Speaking one or more languages at home that are different than those outside takes time and attention. With perseverance and time, your efforts will bear fruit: don't be discouraged!



Every family is different

The transmission of languages varies from one family to another, and even from one person to another. Our environment, habits and interactions shape our relationship with languages.

The language of schooling often takes over... and that's normal!

Children often respond in the language of the greater environment, even if they understand the home language(s). Ideally, you should continue to speak to your child in the family language(s), to ensure maximum exposure and support maintenance.



Transmitting a language means above all living it.

There's no need for grammar lessons at home! Talking on a daily basis, reading, playing and singing are all ways of passing on a language.

However, knowing how to read and write the family language(s) will support transmission in the long term.



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