

**If you want your
children to succeed, then ...**

**HOLD ON
to your
home language!**



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**Speaking the family language
in the home is **important** for your children!**

**Knowing and using the home language
will develop children's**



- **security and pride in identity**
- **understanding of their roots and heritage**



**Knowing and using the
home language will improve
communication with
parents, grandparents and relatives.**



Children who know and use the home language:

- **learn religious practices and traditions**
- **have an additional worldview**
- **have a wide choice of university acceptance**
- **have a greater choice in the job market**

Speaking the family language in the home will help your children **learn English!**



Speaking the family language in the home will **NOT** interfere with your child's learning of English.

Learning English

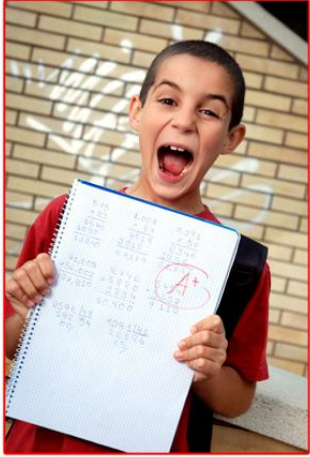
- means **adding** a new language
- does **NOT** mean that the home language will be lost
- means that your child learns **new words** for the many things s/he already knows and understands.

The two languages work together.



Your child's knowledge of the home language will **help him/her learn English.**

What is learned in one language is easily **transferred into the other language.**



**Speaking the family language
in the home will help your children**

do well in school!

Children who know and use the home language

- **do well on school tests and examinations**
- **have a head start in reading**
- **have strong reading and writing skills**
- **do well in math, logic and problem-solving skills**
- **are more willing and able to learn a 3rd language**

Parents...



Encourage your children to use the family language in the home.

Take every opportunity to talk with your children.

Using two languages will NOT confuse your children.

Mixing languages is:

- **normal for bilinguals**
- **a sign of mastery of two linguistic systems**
- **NOT a sign of language confusion.**

It is rare for both languages to be balanced:



**.... as your child learns English,
it may predominate because exposure to it is
greater than exposure to the home language.**



Sing songs **and read books
in the home language
regularly **with your children.****



Organize playgroups with families who share the same home language.

Make Heritage Language classes a family affair:

- children attend classes**
- parents join the Parent Group.**

Your involvement will show the children that the home language is important.