



Your Home Language is Important

Being multilingual in today's global world is an asset. Parents, you can support your child to recognise that their home language and culture is something to be proud of, a part of their identity, connecting them with their family's heritage. Here are some ideas to encourage your child to maintain and develop their home language.

1 Use your home language with your child every day

Remember the benefits of your home language and remain committed to continuing to use it, no matter your child's age.

2 Make sure your child knows how important their family's language and culture is

Let your child know that your family's language and culture are something to be proud of and to treasure. Explain to your child the many benefits of multilingualism.

3 Share your traditions and culture

All families have a rich heritage. Pass this on to your child by sharing stories, chants, rhymes, poems, sayings, songs and traditions from your culture.

4 Read in your home language with your child

Read books/magazines/articles online/watch films/use APPs together. Read a book to your child every day - in whatever language you feel most comfortable - beginning at birth.

5 Check out materials in your language from the library and online

Look for books, films, and music in your language.

6 Help your child with their homework

If your child needs help with their homework, help them in your own language.

7 Look for activities in your community

Attend cultural activities and meet other families who speak your home language.

8 Continue using your home language as your child gets older

Sometimes children start to prefer to use English as they get older. Continue using your language, even if your children respond in English.

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Parents, YOU are key to maintaining your child's home language

