

What are the benefits of raising bilingual or multilingual children?

The benefits for children

For children, speaking more than one language is often linked to:

- ☺ better academic results - multilingual or bilingual children can often concentrate better, are better at solving problems, understand language structures better, and are better at multitasking;
- ☺ more diverse and interesting career opportunities later in life;
- ☺ a better sense of self-worth, identity and belonging that comes from - feeling good about your heritage; feeling confident about communicating and connecting with extended family members and people speaking other languages; being able to enjoy music, movies, literature and so on in more than one language.

The benefits for your family

For your family, multilingualism and developing your first language in your children:

- ☺ improves communication among your family members;
- ☺ enhances emotional bonds;
- ☺ makes it easier for you and your children to be part of your culture;
- ☺ boosts your family's sense of cultural identity and belonging.

The benefits for you community

For your wider community, when children speak more than one language, it means that:

- ☺ everyone in the community gets a better appreciation of different languages and cultures;
 - ☺ children can more easily travel and work in different countries and cultures when they grow up;
 - ☺ children understand and appreciate different cultures.
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