

HOW TO RAISE A MULTILINGUAL CHILD, EVEN IF YOU DON'T SPEAK THE LANGUAGE

3 SIMPLE STEPS

Want your child to grow up speaking a language that you don't speak yourself? It can feel like a difficult puzzle at first. There are simple ways to bring another language into your child's world, even when you aren't the one speaking it.

Your role is to create opportunities for your child to hear the language, connect with people who speak it, and begin using it together with you.

LET YOUR CHILD HEAR IT

Add the language to something your child already enjoys.

Songs and Music: while getting dressed, eating breakfast, or playing.

Children's shows and Movies: Choose shows/movies they prefer

Audiobooks, podcasts, or stories: During car rides, quiet time, or bedtime.

Books: You can look at the pictures together, listen to an audio version, or have someone who speaks the language read it with your child.

LEARN 3-5 WORDS TOGETHER

Choose a few simple words or phrases and learn them alongside your child.

Hello • Thank you • Good morning • Come here • I love you

Look up the words together, listen to how they are pronounced, and practice saying them with your child.

Use them throughout the day. Make it a game. Look up a new word when your child asks a question.

FIND PEOPLE & PLACES

Look for people and places that can bring the language into your child's life.

Family: A grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, etc. who speaks the language

Public place: A library or community center offering activities in the language

Another family: A family nearby who speaks the language at home

Class: A language school or children's class taught in the language

Caregiver: A nanny, babysitter, tutor, or teacher who speaks the language

Ready to Go Further?

Get the Multilingual Starter Kit for a complete, practical plan for your child's language journey.

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