

Bilingual By Choice Raising Kids In Two Or More L

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Explore the rewarding journey of raising children to be bilingual by choice, fostering fluency in two or more languages from an early age. Discover practical strategies, expert advice, and resources to support language development, cultural appreciation, and cognitive benefits within a multilingual family environment. This guide empowers parents to navigate the unique joys and challenges of nurturing their children's diverse linguistic potential.

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Bilingual By Choice

More and more people—hundreds of millions around the world—are living in bilingual homes. In the U.S. alone, more than 54 million people over the age of 5 speak a language other than English at home. Yet once children enter school, the pull toward one language becomes stronger and maintaining the bilingual advantage requires a serious family commitment—a bilingual choice. The good news is it's worth it. Research shows that bilingual children are known to have more social, cultural and economic opportunities as they grow to adulthood and that learning a second language from birth can even result in protection against Alzheimer's later in life. Bilingual By Choice provides families with specific activities, games and insights that will show them how to not only teach their kids more than one language but also to help their kids retain and develop those language skills. For parents, educators, immigrants and expatriates, Bilingual by Choice deals directly with the obstacles to sustaining a second language, including unsupportive relatives, issues at school, frequent relocations and discrimination, countering each one with the author's firsthand experience with both sides of the growing-up-bilingual journey, as a child and as a parent. Commit to the choice, and help your children become bilingual—for life.

Raising Bilingual Children

For most immigrant parents in America today, raising bilingual children is not a choice or a decision, but rather a way of life. Yet teaching children their parents' native language often comes second to ensuring they are proficient in English so they can thrive in school and later reach leadership positions in the workplace. In addition, the task of teaching two (or more) languages can be overwhelming, leaving many of us wondering where to start. Raising Bilingual Children is here to help with easy, practical steps for children of every age and stage in life. Author and parenting expert Mari Bellas provides answers to questions such as: What do I do when my five-year-old doesn't want to speak Spanish at home? My husband doesn't speak Korean, so how do we find common ground to raise our kids with

two languages? My child is two years old and not speaking in either of the two languages we speak at home—should I be concerned? Whether your native language is Spanish, Filipino, Korean, Chinese, or French, it is natural to want our children to communicate in the language we were born with. *Raising Bilingual Children* is the ultimate guidebook for busy parents looking for advice and direction about the everyday challenges and joys of raising a bilingual child.

7 Steps to Raising a Bilingual Child

Find out why early childhood is the best time to teach your child a second language and learn how to do it with this step-by-step guide. The best time to learn a second language is as a child. During childhood, the brain is more receptive to language learning than at any other time in life. Aware that a second language can enrich their child's understanding of other cultures and bring future job opportunities in a world drawn ever closer by globalization, many parents today are motivated to raise their children bilingual. *7 Steps to Raising a Bilingual Child* helps parents in both monolingual and multilingual families determine and achieve their bilingual goals for their child, whether those goals are understanding others, the ability to speak a second language, reading and/or writing in two languages, or some combination of all of these. The authors will: explain how the brain learns more than one language, explode common myths, address frequently asked questions, and reveal an array of resources available to families. Packed with insightful anecdotes and powerful strategies, *7 Steps to Raising a Bilingual Child* is a one-of-a-kind guidebook for those seeking to provide their children with a uniquely valuable experience.

Raising bilingual children: when school speaks a different language

Does your child speak a different language at school and home? In this book Clarissa draws on her experience of sending her British children to a Dutch school to help you support your child through their education abroad. It covers: - Systems for separating when and where you use multiple languages; - Things to look for in different school systems; - How to work with your school to best support your child; - Possible issues specific to children of different ages, from babies to teenagers. This book is suitable for families with children of all ages, whether they have just moved to a foreign language school or have been there for some time.

Bilingual Siblings

How do bilingual brothers and sisters talk to each other? Sibling language use is an uncharted area in studies of bilingualism. From a perspective of independent researcher and parent of three bilingual children Suzanne Barron-Hauwaert discusses the issues of a growing bilingual or multilingual family. What happens when there are two or more children at different stages of language development? Do all the siblings speak the same languages? Which language(s) do the siblings prefer to speak together? Could one child refuse to speak one language while another child is fluently bilingual? How do the factors of birth order, personality or family size interact in language production? With data from over 100 international families this book investigates the reality of family life with two or more children and languages.

Raising a Bilingual Child

If you would like your children to experience the benefits of becoming bilingual, but you aren't sure how to teach them a second language, then *Raising a Bilingual Child* is the perfect step-by-step guide for you. *Raising a Bilingual Child* provides parents with information, encouragement, and practical advice for creating a positive bilingual environment. It offers both an overview of why parents should raise their children to speak more than one language and detailed steps parents can take to integrate two languages into their child's daily routine. *Raising a Bilingual Child* also includes inspirational first-hand accounts from parents. It dispels the myth that bilingualism may hinder a child's academic performance and explains that learning languages at a young age can actually enhance a child's overall intellectual development.

Foundations of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism

Written as an introductory text from a crossdisciplinary perspective, this book covers individual and societal concepts in minority and majority languages.

A Parents' and Teachers' Guide to Bilingualism

In this accessible guide to bilingualism in the family and the classroom, Colin Baker delivers a realistic picture of the joys and difficulties of raising bilingual children. The Q&A format of this book makes it the natural choice for the busy parent or teacher who needs an easy reference guide to the most frequently asked questions. This revised edition includes more information on bilingualism in the digital age, and incorporates the latest research in areas such as neonatal language experience, multilingualism, language mixing and the effect that siblings have on family language choice.

Language Strategies for Bilingual Families

Lots of new parents these days have the opportunity to bring up their child with two or more languages because of increasing job mobility and the global community. The benefits of bilingualism and biculturalism such as higher cognitive skills, an awareness of language and sensitivity to other cultures, are being increasingly recognised. However many parents don't know how to start, what methods to use or where to seek help when facing problems. Now Suzanne Barron-Hauwaert, a mother of three trilingual children, teacher and linguist who has lived and worked all over the world, has written a book which provides an inspiring approach to passing on two or more languages to your children. In *Language Strategies for Bilingual Families* she considers several methods of bilingualism and focuses on the one-person one-language approach, in which each parent speaks his or her native language and is responsible for passing on his or her culture. Suzanne questioned over a hundred bilingual families about their experiences and she interviewed thirty families in depth. The results of her study are linked to current academic research, but the book is both readable and relevant to non-academics and provides fascinating insights into being a multilingual family. It will prove an exciting and stimulating read for potential and current mixed-language families.

Raising Children Bilingually in the United States

Bilingualism in the world is the norm, rather than the exception. Unlike in other countries where bilingualism often survives over numerous generations, in the United States, it generally takes two or three generations for a minority language to be lost. In a country where the very definition of "American" embodies the intersection of different languages, cultures, and ethnicities, the assimilation process into American culture often takes place at the expense of minority languages and cultur ...

Bilingual Children

This practical and reassuring guide will enable readers to make informed decisions about how to raise their child bilingually.

Bilingual Families

Does your family or community speak more than one language? Do you wonder how to help your children successfully learn or keep those languages? Do you want your children to have the gift of bilingualism and aren't sure where to start – or how to keep going? Every multilingual family has unique language needs. *Bilingual Families* is a guide for you and your family. It combines academic research with practical advice to cover the essential elements in successful bilingual and multilingual development. Use this book to: Learn about language goals – and how to set them Create a 'living' family language plan that develops and grows with your family Learn how to talk about multilingualism with your children and other key people in your children's life, like teachers and relatives Recognise when you might need further support An indispensable guide for your family's language journey.

Different Tongues

Different Tongues (Why Children Code Switch?) is a valuable book that gives us answers to endless questions that we have as parents who wish to raise bilingual children: Will teaching the child two languages end up with the child not speaking any language clearly? What role do parents play in controlling their children's code switching? When children switch languages when speaking, should this be seen as meaningful, insightful or not to be tolerated? Does where I live have an impact on how my children code switch? ; The father is the only one who speaks the minority language, is this enough input for the child to be brought up bilingually. These questions and many others that parents are faced with are discussed in this book. Actually, *Different Tongues (Why Children Code Switch?)* proved quite valuable to me when I began my own family. I was an Anglophone married to a French Quebecer and

I lived in Quebec Canada, which is French. I was the only English speaking person in my childrens lives for the first five years of their lives, so I was not sure if bilingualism was feasible for our family since I spoke the minority language. In fact, this book has enabled me to understand how children learn two languages at the same time; how children may mix their languages in the early years, but soon after this stage, the child begins to code switch, within his two languages, in meaningful ways. *Different Tongues (Why Children Code Switch?)* gives a new perspective on childrens code switching in todays world. In the past, it was seen as inherently bad, whereas in this book, it shows how a child can now use code switching to more clearly transmit his language, as a contextualization tactic; and this is now seen as a clear advantage that the child possesses as compared to others who are not bilingual. In fact, this advantage is definitely a paradigm shift for todays parents when it comes to their childrens code switching. Patrick McCarthy has contributed to the literature on bilingual development by providing an excellent overview of issues surrounding code-switching in young children. As his book points out, code-switching is normal behavior in children exposed to two or more languages, as it is in adults. Parents and teachers will find useful information about childrens bilingual development in this book. Kirsten Hummel Professor Director in charge of the Bachelor of Teaching English Second Language Universit Laval Qubec G1V 0A6

Bringing Up a Bilingual Child

'Bringing up a Bilingual Child' is aimed at (existing or soon-to-be) parents in families where more than one language is spoken, as well as anyone in the extended circle of family and friend of such multilingual families, as well as for anyone coming into contact with them. The aim of the book is to help multilingual families to create a supportive environment for children in which they naturally grow up to speak more than one language. The intention is to give you an easy-to-read-and-use guide to multilingual parenting, providing motivation, ideas, advice and answers to any questions parents may have.

Raising Bilingual-biliterate Children in Monolingual Cultures

This book is a longitudinal case study carefully detailing the French/English bilingual and biliterate development of three children in one family beginning with their births and ending in late adolescence. The book focuses most specifically on the children's acquisition of French and English during their early through late adolescence, in both their Louisiana and Quebec home environments.

An Introduction to Bilingual Development

Increasingly, children grow up hearing two languages from birth. This introductory textbook shows how children learn to understand and speak those languages against the backdrop of their language learning environments. A narrative around the bilingual development of four young children with different language profiles helps to explain the latest research findings in a lively and accessible manner. The narrative describes how bilingually raised children learn to understand and use sounds, words and sentences in two languages, and how they are able to use each of their languages in socially appropriate ways. Positive attitudes towards bilingual development from the people in bilingual children's environments and their recognition that child bilingualism is not monolingualism-times-two are the main ingredients ensuring that children grow up to be happy and expert speakers of two languages.

Raising Multilingual Children

Have you ever been told that raising your child to speak multiple languages will harm their development? Are teachers or other professionals suspicious of your efforts? Are you sometimes unsure if you are helping your child's language development, or are you uncertain where to start? It is increasingly recognised among researchers that, far from harming a child's development, being exposed to multiple languages from birth or early childhood can result in linguistic, creative and social advantages. The authors, all multilinguals themselves, parents of multilingual children, and researchers on language and multilingualism, aim to provide advice and inspiration for multilingual families across the world. The latest research on multilingualism and the authors' own experiences are used to provide a friendly, accessible guide to raising and nurturing happy multilingual children.

Growing Up with Two Languages

Growing Up with Two Languages provides a highly accessible account of the stages of language development, describes and evaluates the various systems and strategies that can be adopted and looks at the problems that can occur when a child is exposed to two languages and cultures. Combining research-informed advice and the experience of parents raising children as speakers of a wide range of languages in every populated continent in the world, this book and its associated web material will answer questions, offer tried and tested strategies to keep children speaking a minority language, and provide material to enlist the support of the extended family, teachers and others. The perspective of adults who were themselves raised speaking more than one language is included. New to this edition is a chapter focusing on families raising children as speakers of indigenous and threatened languages as well as chapters for teachers and health professionals who want to know more about multilingual child language development and how they can support parents to continue speaking their language with their children. With new and updated first-hand advice, Internet resources and examples throughout, this book also includes a chapter that introduces important recent research into multilingual children and further reading guides for those who want to know more. This book is for parents who are raising or plan to raise children as speakers of more than one language, and for the teachers and healthcare workers who meet and can support them.

Raising Bilingual Brown Babies

This book provides insights and strategies for the African American family looking to become bilingual in English and Spanish. Through personal stories, client testimonials and conversational style, Raising Bilingual Brown Babies aims to empower more African American families to take the leap and adopt bilingualism as a lifestyle and family choice. Dr. Kami Anderson makes the journey to bilingualism feel attainable and vital for all families of color, but makes it a point to provide easy methods to increase the number of Black families that are able to speak both English and Spanish.

Growing Up with Two Languages

The lives of many families involve contact with more than one language and culture on a daily basis. Growing Up with Two Languages is aimed at the many parents and professionals who feel uncertain about the best way to go about helping children gain maximum benefit from the multilingual situation. This best-selling guide is illustrated by glimpses of life from interviews with fifty families from all around the world. The trials and rewards of life with two languages and cultures are discussed in detail, and followed by practical advice on how to support the child's linguistic development. Features of this third edition include: a dedicated website with new and updated Internet resources a new chapter giving the perspective of adults who have themselves grown up with more than one language a new chapter presenting research into bilingual language acquisition with information about further reading new and updated first-hand advice and examples throughout. Una Cunningham is an Associate Professor in Modern Languages at Stockholm University, Sweden. She and her husband, Staffan Andersson, have raised their four children to speak English and Swedish in Sweden.

Family Language Learning

Family Language Learning is a practical guide designed to support, advise and encourage any parents who are hoping to raise their children bilingually. It is unique in that it focuses on parents who are not native speakers of a foreign language. It gives parents the tools they need to cultivate and nurture their own language skills while giving their children an opportunity to learn another language. The book combines cutting-edge research on language exposure with honest and often humorous stories from personal interviews with families speaking a foreign language at home. By dispelling long-held myths about how language is learned, it provides hope to parents who want to give their children bilingual childhoods, but feel they don't know where to start with learning a foreign language.

Be Bilingual - Practical Ideas for Multilingual Families

Written in a lively, engaging style, with lots of activities and resources for parents and teachers, "Bilingual By Choice" tells how to raise children bilingually and keep them that way into adulthood.

Bilingual Is Better

This entertaining memoir by two Latina moms reveals the struggles and triumphs of raising bilingual, bicultural children in the US.

Bilingual First Language Acquisition

Increasingly, children grow up hearing two languages from birth. This comprehensive textbook explains how children learn to understand and speak those languages. It brings together both established knowledge and the latest findings about different areas of bilingual language development. It also includes new analyses of previously published materials. The book describes how bilingually raised children learn to understand and use sounds, words and sentences in two languages. A recurrent theme is the large degree of variation between bilingual children. This variation in how children develop bilingually reflects the variation in their language learning environments. Positive attitudes from the people in bilingual children's language learning environments and their recognition that child bilingualism is not monolingualism-times-two are the main ingredients ensuring that children grow up to be happy and expert speakers of two languages.

The Acquisition of Two Languages from Birth

This study's main aim is to explore the nature of early bilingual morphosyntactic development.

Bilingual Children

Are you raising your child bilingually, or planning to do so in the future, but are unsure how to proceed? Using a question-and-answer format, this practical and reassuring guide will enable readers to make informed decisions about how to raise their child with two or more languages. To grow up bilingually is a necessity or an opportunity for more children today than ever before. However, parents are frequently uncertain about what to do, or even fear that they may be putting their child's development at risk. Disentangling fact from myth, it shows that a child can acquire more than one 'first' language simultaneously and that one language need not have negative effects on the other. Each chapter is devoted to a question typically asked by parents in counselling sessions, followed by a concise answer, summaries of the evidence and practical tips.

Language, Identity, and Choice

Language, Identity, and Choice: Raising Bilingual Children in a Global Society examines the intersections of language, race, and identity within the family. It offers particular attention to the proscription of identity when language and culture have a direct impact on the und...

Supporting Multilingual Learners in the Early Years

Shortlisted for the Nasen Book that supports SEN and Disability Issues Award 2008 Are children who are exposed to more than one language from birth at an advantage or a disadvantage when starting school? Supporting Multilingual Learners in the Early Years examines the theoretical, ideological and practical issues involved in the education of children speaking two or more languages coming to settings which are predominantly monolingual. The book examines current research and thinking about the advantages and disadvantages of being multilingual and tackles complex topics such as: what being multilingual implies in terms of prior learning and why this matters in education the importance of respect for diversity and encouraging children to be proud of their language and culture practical ways to help young children acquire English ways of working with parents who themselves have little or no English the differences and difficulties involved in a child learning an additional language so early on in their lives strategies for exploring the learning of multilingual learners and a review of the resources and activities that could help. Sandra Smidt views multilingualism as a cognitive advantage and shows how Early Years practitioners can use interactive styles of learning to focus on the benefit that the many cultures and languages in the classroom can bring to children's learning and development. Written in a highly accessible tone, this book offers practitioners a mix of practical case studies and examples in which theory is embedded and its importance explained. Students of early childhood education will also appreciate the author's carefully structured approach to the topic, as she includes summary boxes, glossaries and points for reflection in each chapter.

Multilingualism in the Early Years

Multilingualism in the Early Years is a highly accessible text that examines the political, theoretical, ideological and practical issues involved in the education of children speaking two or more languages. Drawing on current research and thinking about the advantages and disadvantages of being multilingual, Smidt uses powerful case studies to reveal how language or languages are acquired. She explores language in terms of who shares it, its relationship to class, culture, power, identity

and thinking, and its fascinating role as it moves from the personal to the public and political. More specifically the book studies: what it means to be bilingual through an analysis of the language histories submitted by a range of people; how language/s define people; a brief history of minority education in the UK; how practitioners and teachers can best support all young children as learners whilst they continue to use their first languages and remain part of and partners in their communities and cultures; being bilingual: an advantage or a disadvantage? the impact of multilingualism on children's educational and life chances. Multilingualism in the Early Years is a really useful text for practitioners working with multilingual children, as well as any student undertaking courses in early childhood education.

Raising A Bilingual Child

Teaches parents who want their children to learn a second language how to create a positive bilingual environment by integrating two languages into a child's daily routine.

The 5 Key Strategies of Successful Bilingual Families

With more and more mixed nationality international families around the world, there is a growing need for advice for families that want to raise their child speaking two or more languages. This book provides the framework that you have been waiting for; a step-by-step guide that gives practical and easy to follow strategies for raising your child in your native language. The Five Key Strategies are set out in a logical order for you to work through one by one. Families that follow them will have the highest possible chance of successfully bringing up bilingual children. It can seem like a massive challenge, but whatever family situation you are in, and whatever language you want to pass on, this practical guidebook will help get you there. And with a website and a blog that charts the author's successful experience with his son in Spain, you can see for yourself how it is done. Have fun. The bilingual journey has begun! Simon Brampton is the owner of two language schools in Barcelona. With a first-class honour's degree and postgraduate in Psychology, he has been working as a language teacher, trainer, and translator for over thirty years. This book is the fruit of his own experience of raising a trilingual child, with hundreds of interviews, conversations, and observations as well as comments and feedback through his dedicated blog.

Children's Multilingual Development and Education

A study of the beliefs and practices of parents and educators raising future generations of multilingual children.

The Handbook of Bilingualism

The Handbook of Bilingualism provides state-of-the-art treatments of the central issues that arise in consideration of the phenomena of bilingualism ranging from the representation of the two languages in the bilingual individual's brain to the various forms of bilingual education, including the status of bilingualism in each area of the world. Provides state-of-the-art coverage of a wide variety of topics, ranging from neuro- and psycho-linguistic research to studies of media and psychological counseling. Includes latest assessment of the global linguistic situation with particular emphasis on those geographical areas which are centers of global conflict and commerce. Explores new topics such as global media and mobile and electronic language learning. Includes contributions by internationally renowned researchers from different disciplines, genders, and ethnicities.

Bilingual Development in Childhood

In the first decade of life, children become bilingual in different language learning environments. Many children start learning two languages from birth (Bilingual First Language Acquisition). In early childhood hitherto monolingual children start hearing a second language through daycare or preschool (Early Second Language Acquisition). Yet other hitherto monolingual children in middle childhood may acquire a second language only after entering school (Second Language Acquisition). This Element explains how these different language learning settings dynamically affect bilingual children's language learning trajectories. All children eventually learn to speak the societal language, but they often do not learn to fluently speak their non-societal language and may even stop speaking it. Children's and families' harmonious bilingualism is threatened if bilingual children do not develop high proficiency in both languages. Educational institutions and parental conversational practices play a pivotal role in supporting harmonious bilingual development.

Maximize Your Child's Bilingual Ability

"Adam Beck, founder of the popular blog Bilingual Monkeys and the lively forum The Bilingual Zoo, provides a roadmap to greater success and joy raising bilingual kids in this practical and comprehensive guide for parents and teachers. A longtime practitioner of bilingual development in children, Beck shares the best of his personal experience as an educator and parent, offering a wealth of actionable advice in his engaging and empowering book."--page 4 of cover.

Raising Children Bilingually

The primary role of parents in decisions concerning the raising of bilingual children is considered, and fundamental questions are addressed, such as "Should I raise my children bilingually?"

Language and Literacy in Bilingual Children

This book sets a high standard for rigor and scientific approach to the study of bilingualism and provides new insights regarding the critical issues of theory and practice, including the interdependence of linguistic knowledge in bilinguals, the role of socioeconomic status, the effect of different language usage patterns in the home, and the role of schooling by single-language immersion as opposed to systematic training in both home and target languages. The rich landscape of outcomes reported in the volume will provide a frame for interpretation and understanding of effects of bilingualism for years to come.

Early Bilingualism and Multilingualism

The results of the study indicate that early bilingualism or multilingualism usually has linguistic and cognitive benefits for a young child. According to the responses to a questionnaire, obtained from parents and caregivers, children who grow up with two or more mother tongues develop as well as their monolingual peers, and sometimes even better.

Bilingual Children

The author aims to allay doubts and fears concerning the raising of bilingual children by drawing on a wide range of research as well as case studies. The text, which is suited to the general reader, stresses that bilingualism is both normal and positive.

Bilingual

Whether in family life, social interactions, or business negotiations, half the people in the world speak more than one language every day. Yet many myths persist about bilingualism and bilinguals. In a lively and entertaining book, an international authority on bilingualism explores the many facets of life with two or more languages.