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Raising Children With More Than One language

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Outline of Talk

- Benefits of bilingualism
- What does bilingualism not do
- Typical set-ups for raising children bilingually
- 4. More than 2 languages?
- 5. Realistic assessment of the situation
- 6. How to create an environment in which your child learns the LOTE successfully?
- 7. Everyday strategies which help your child to learn your home language
- School age strategies
- 9. Support
- 10. Audience questions and comments



	1. Benefits of bilingualism	
di di	bilingualism is normal	
di di	2 languages = 2 registers	
666	possibly advantageous for cognitive development	
3333	overt cognitive control over language	
33333	enhanced metalinguistic awareness	
333333	importance of overall language ability	
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	2. What does bilingualism not do?	
48	not detrimental	
48.48	does not cause stuttering or language delay	
444	children are not confused by 2 languages	
8888	children are <i>not</i> overburdened by more than one language	
23323	transferences between languages are common but temporary	
44444	language mixing is often the speaker's choice	
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	3. Typical set-ups for raising children bilingually		
	LOTE	<u>ENGLISH</u>	
48	in the home	outside the home	
44	one parent	other parent	
444	grandparents	parents & everyone else	
3333	babysitters, creche, etc.	parents & everyone else	
444 ₄ 4	selected situations places	all other times and places	

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	4. More than 2 languages?	
	Principally possible	-
	Points to consider:	
48	- how can each language be a natural part of your child's life?	
44	- how much time can be allocated to each language?	
333	- strategies for strengthening one language or the other	
	Keep your expectations realistic	
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	5. Realistic assessment of the situation	
	The LOTE is starting behind	
	BUT: that can be compensated for	
	It all depends on <u>how</u> the parent uses the language.	
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6. How to create an environment in which your child learns the LOTE successfully?	
What you need:	
Helpful Attitudes	
Helpful Actions	
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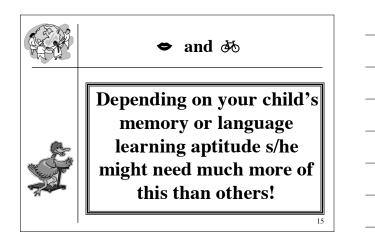
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	Attitude points	_
	feel responsible	_
	be patient	_
	have fun	_
φ. 3 0	appreciate	_
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	Action points	
	Be consistent	
	Provide rich language input	
.000	Create a need to speak	
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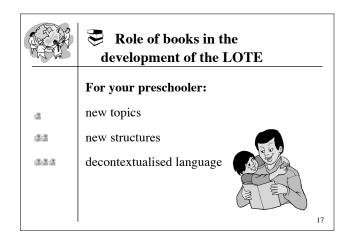
	7. Everyday strategies which will help your child to learn your home language	
	 Input for successful language learning 	
	₫ How to accomplish this	
_	Role of books	
	How to deal with language refusal	
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HE LE	Input for successful l learning cont.	
4444 4	Be responsive to your child: OWL	
	Play language games	Taking the time to OWL is wise.
333 ⁴ 3 333	Offer varied and age appropria	ite language

	め How to accomplish this	
48	Play with your child	
a a	Follow your child's lead	
444	Expand topics introduced by your child	
4444	Observe other parents and imitate what works	
33333	Talk to your child about his/her concerns	
	Talk in your language whatever the situation or challenge	
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	Role of books in the development of the LOTE For your toddler:	
3	source of common focus	
44	new vocabulary	
333	indefinitely repeatable	
444	basis for play themes	16



	How to deal with language refusal	
di .	Why do our children refuse to speak the community language?	
34	Motivate your child to speak the LOTE.	
	Take your child's lack of knowledge as guidance for the benefit of the LOTE	
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	How to deal with language refusal cont.	
ď	Make the Language Contract explicit.	
33	Insist on the language contract.	
333	Create a need to speak the community language	
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	8. School age strategies	
di .	Continue with preschool strategies	
33	Fill the gaps	
333	Use homework to enhance the LOTE	
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	Don't forget:		
60	Your own consistency is intrinsically related to your child's motivation and ability to speak your		
	language!	21	

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9. Support

- Your local network here
- Many facebook groups
- Many blogs
- Youtube for programs
- Snippets for bilingual families
- Story times at local libraries



Playgroup Australia

Ethnic schools and community activities

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Please ask questions or offer comments.



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