

<b>Title:</b>	Bi-lingualism	<b>Level:</b> higher
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<b>Text:</b>	<p>The Wednesday morning group, this week, got into discussion about the broad topic of second language learning.</p> <p>Points we covered included the following...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whether it is good enough to learn a language without learning about the culture, too.</li> <li>- Also, how important it is to have a strong grounding in a mother tongue before learning a 2nd language.</li> <li>- The myth that bi-lingualism just happens for families of mixed language and culture.</li> <li>- The rate of progress in both languages of a bi-lingual child compared to a child learning one language.</li> <li>- How to ensure that your children are raised with more or less equal skill in reading, writing, listening and speaking and vocabulary across both languages.</li> <li>- the acquisition of the cultural thinking of the parent who is living away from their home country.</li> </ul>
<b>Discussion:</b>	Do you know of people who have experienced these issues, or have you yourself had to overcome such problems?
<b>Words and usage:</b>	<p>Acquire (acquisition)</p> <p>This word broadly means to gain, which could be a money purchase or something given free. In language terms, it means the mastery of a language, it's rules, content and usage.</p>
<b>Resources:</b>	<p><a href="http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com">Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</a></p> <p><a href="https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org">The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</a></p>
<b>Practice idea:</b>	Write about what you think would be the ideal upbringing if your child had parents of different heritage.
<b>Listening link:</b>	<p><a href="#">Bi-lingualism - audio</a></p> 
<b>Quiz Me! Conversation card:</b>	<p><b>Card number F7 below is from pack 1, Level 1 available at <a href="http://englishbooks.jp">englishbooks.jp</a>, <a href="#">Amazon</a> and <a href="#">Rakuten</a></b></p>  <p><b>Apart from English, name another foreign language you have studied.</b></p> <p><small>quizme.jp</small></p>