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„My child has a multi-lingual upbringing“

Suggetions for parents
Englisch

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**Expertise in the family language AND in German
– Both is important.**

Both languages are part of the identity, and they are important for the development of your child. They differ in their functions however:

- **The family language** belongs to your family's biography. It establishes a connection to family members, that can't speak German.
- **The German language** is important for public life, for school and education as well as later in the working life.

**Foster your child in your family language!
That way you're giving it a safe basis for learning
the German language.**

When your child grows up with multiple languages, it will develop a special feel for languages. It is possible that your child mixes different languages in the beginning. That isn't a big deal. It is critical, that the child has fun when using languages!



Multilingualism – Tips for everyday

Speak with your child a lot!

Children learn a language through role models. They need intensive exposure to ALL languages – in the family languages and in German. It is applicable: When there is a big variety of topics for discussions, then the children will acquire a wide vocabulary!

You can playfully support the fun your child is having with using languages:

- Read stories to them.
- Speak with your child verses/rhymes.
- Sing songs together.

Storybooks, books, radio play and so on you can rent at the city library for free.

For further information check out:

[www.verband-binationaler.de/
themen/mehrsprachigkeit](http://www.verband-binationaler.de/themen/mehrsprachigkeit)



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