

IS MY KID GETTING "LANGUAGE CONFUSED"?



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POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF BILINGUALISM:

- Sharper attention spans
- Stronger memory and problem-solving skills
- Enhanced cognitive flexibility

FUN FACTS

There is no evidence that bilingual kids are at risk for a language disorder

About half of the world's population speaks at least 2 languages!

WHAT DOES SCIENCE TELL US?

In the past, it was thought that bilingual kids would fall behind in language development, but research shows us otherwise:

- A study in 1962 found that bilingual kids were actually doing better on standardized tests compared to their monolingual peers
- Another study showed that bilingual babies at 6 months old performed better on memory tasks

JUST TO CLARIFY...

- Differences in vocabulary between monolingual and bilingual kids is still being studied
- Current research shows any language differences in monolinguals vs. bilinguals evens out by early childhood
- Monolingual and bilingual babies reach milestones at the same time
- Vocabulary mixups does not equal language confusion!

Link to Hello Lab Presents:
Episode 2



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Language confusion - an outdated belief that bilingual children can't separate their 2 languages

Monolingual - speaks one language

Bilingual - speaks two languages