

Week 7 Discussion Topic: Bilingual Upbringing

If you feel anxious or nervous about speaking in English, here is a list of questions to consider for this week's topic.

Questions:

1. Are you bilingual?
 - A) Do you wish you were bilingual? Why or why not?
2. If you are not bilingual, how do you think you can become one?
3. If you are bilingual, how did you go about becoming one?
4. Did you study a second language in school?
 - A) How effective was this learning method?
 - B) Do you think it logically makes sense to continue learning a second language in school?
5. What are your thoughts on international/immersion schools, or schools where all subjects are taught entirely in another language?
6. If you had a child, would you want them to be bilingual?
 - A) How would you raise your child bilingual if you could?
 - B) Is it the parent's responsibility to make sure their child is bilingual?
7. Why do you think it's more common for children to speak their mother's native language as opposed to their father's native language?
8. Why do you assume someone with a multiracial background is able to speak the languages of their origins?
9. Many multiracial children feel as if they are a disappointment to their people when they cannot speak the different languages of their parents. How can you avoid reminding them of these feelings?
10. Do you think it's easier to learn to read/write another language or to speak/listen to it.? Why or why not?