

BLINGUAL/ MULTILINGUAL SPEAKERS

US Census

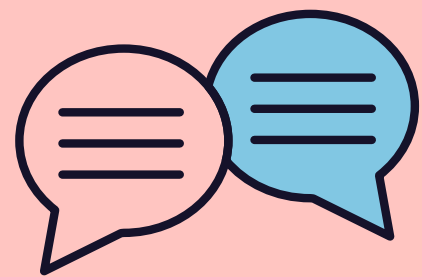
Data shows that at least 350 languages are spoken in the United States. Bilingual students represent approximately 10% of school-aged children

Bilingual Speakers

Using words from both languages/ mixing grammar is a normal part of learning another language



Some children have a "silent period" (not talking as much) lasting for several months. This is normal and can be expected to go away



In order for a bilingual child to have a speech/ language disorder, there must be a disorder in **both languages**

Simultaneous Bilingualism:

Learning two languages at the same time before the age of 3

Sequential Bilingualism:

Learning a second language after the age of 3



Identifying the signs of a potential language disorder (remember to look for signs in both languages):

- (Starting from birth) Does not smile at others
- (4-7 months) Does not babble
- (7 months- 2 years) Limited use of gestures or sounds
- (12-18 months) Only says a few words
- (18 months- 2 years) Difficulty being understood
- (1.5 years- 3 years) Does not use sentences
- (2-3 years) Difficulty interacting with other children