

Do Bilingual Homes Raise Better Communicators?

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Young children who hear more than one language spoken at home become better communicators, a new study finds. Effective communication requires the ability to take others' perspectives.

Researchers discovered that children from multilingual environments are better at interpreting a speaker's meaning than children who are exposed only to their native tongue.

The most novel finding is that the children don't even have to be bilingual themselves—it's the exposure to more than one language that is the key for building effective social communication skills.

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