

# Common questions asked by parents of children who are learning English as an additional language

## What language should I speak at home with my child?

- ❖ Speak with your child in the language you know best. It will give your child the best start in talking.
- ❖ Learning another language is easier when a child has a strong foundation in their home language.
- ❖ Children all over the world learn more than one language. It is a real benefit.

## How will my child learn English?

- ❖ Knowing your home language well will help your child when they begin to learn English. They will already understand how language works.

- ❖ Your child will learn English through talking and playing with children and adults who are native speakers of English.
- ❖ Continuing to learn your home language will not get in the way of your child learning English.
- ❖ Children learn language best from talking with other children and with adults.





## How can I help my child at home?

- ❖ Talk and play with your child in your home language.
- ❖ Read to your child in your home language. If you do not have any books in your home language, you can use English books and talk about the stories in your home language.
- ❖ Communicate regularly with your child's teachers. Tell them about your home life and your life in the community.
- ❖ Tell teachers about your celebrations.
- ❖ Take your child to the library to choose books.