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## “How can we best navigate language usage in multilingual families?”

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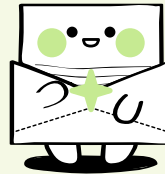
#CreatingBilingualEnvironment

#Conversations

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## Is your child sharing their concerns with you effectively?



Many of you might have faced conflicts in daily life due to difficulties in having profound conversations with your children in Korean. Even within families that share the same language and culture, different generations naturally experience friction. The challenges can be even more significant in multicultural families where various languages and cultures intermingle. Children may avoid conversations due to language barriers. Sometimes, parents who are less proficient in Korean than their children may feel marginalized, leading to a need for a bilingual environment at home.

### What is Bilingualism?

It refers to an individual's ability to speak two languages and is also an advantage for children in multicultural families.

## Parents proficient in Korean play the role of communicators!



Parents who can smoothly communicate in Korean should play a key role in understanding and conveying the child's feelings. Also, to prevent a spouse struggling with Korean from feeling left out, consider learning simple greetings from the spouse's native language. While the primary language at home can be Korean, fostering a bilingual atmosphere is beneficial.

Learn more about creating a bilingual environment via the Multicultural Family Support Portal 'Danuri'!

Navigate to: Danuri > 다문화가족 > 언어 > 이중언어

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## If Korean is challenging, parents can learn from their children.



Be honest with your child about your limitations in Korean proficiency, and let them be your Korean teacher! Engaging in simple Korean language games can enhance communication and boost your child's self-esteem. It's crucial to either attend Korean classes or engage in self-study online. There are also free websites great for learning Korean, so take advantage of them!

### Free Sites Ideal for Learning Korean

#### King Sejong Institute

Learn while immersing yourself in Korean culture(food, crafts, etc.).



#### The Cyber University of Korea

Courses are organized by proficiency level, allowing for tailored learning.



#### EBS Dorian

Features content helpful for children's growth.



## There's significant value in the family's collective effort.

Merely learning each other's languages won't necessarily smooth out communication. The collective experience of a family working together to overcome language barriers is equally essential. Through these shared efforts, children will feel their parents' love and be more encouraged to open up, despite the language challenges.



**“Effort from the entire family is essential for communication with your children!”**

