

Advantages of bilingual kids

Unknown words: therefore, owing, whereas, besides, *semilingualism*.

First of all the author insures that raising a bilingual child has a lot of advantages in the actual world, but in order to be successful it is need to be organized, to make a plan and to be creative while teaching. Secondly, she ask the parents to clarify their definition of bilingualism, that is to evaluate in terms of listening, speaking, reading and writing, how far do you want your kid to learn, the author gives examples of it, explaining that some persons may speak only one language but have listening comprehension in two or more languages or may listen and speak in two languages but reading and writing ability in only one.

In addition, the author expresses that there is always a dominant language, this dominance can be over any of the four communication skills (reading, listening, speaking or writing), therefore it is important to define “for yourself what type of bilingualism is important and necessary in your family, within your community and culture, in order to plan a strategy for raising kids with the ability to use more than one language”, families who take the time to discuss their goals for language development often see their kids acquire higher levels of language skills in both languages”.

As far as I am concerned, it would be great for a kid to learn to or more languages, because it will give them a lot of advantages. They will be able to know a new culture, new people and even a possible economic advantage due to the fact they will be able to communicate with a wider variety of people.

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