

Is it good or bad for autistic children to hear or speak more than one language?

Does growing up with several languages confuse autistic children?

No, it does not confuse them.

Does bilingualism make learning each language harder?

No, it does not. Autistic children can have difficulties with language, but they can still learn several languages. It might take them a bit longer, but this is common for all bilingual children.

What if my child does not speak?

Even if your child does not speak, they can still understand several languages. It is possible that your child finds understanding language difficult too, but speaking to your child in more than one language will not change how much they are able to speak or understand. Speaking several languages to your child will not harm them.

Should I stop speaking my language and use English instead?

No, speak the language you are most comfortable with. Research shows that this is best for parents and children.

Does growing up with two languages make it harder for my child to learn and understand things?

No, growing up with several languages is not bad for your child's thinking and learning skills.

Are there good things about growing up with several languages for my autistic child?

Yes, many good things! Your language will help your child connect with their family and community. It can also be very good for their future life. Knowing several languages helps understand people, access new hobbies and interests, and get jobs.



Growing up with several languages is not bad for autistic children.

It can even be good for many things in life: being part of a community, learning new things and accessing more opportunities.



Growing up with several languages is as good for autistic people as it is for everybody else.

If you choose to speak your own language with your autistic child, you are not doing anything wrong.

One language or two, choose the best option for your family.