I might be quiet for up to a year once I have started learning English – don't worry, this is called the silent period and is normal.

I still need cognitive
challenges – just
because English isn't my
first language doesn't
mean I am not
intelligent!

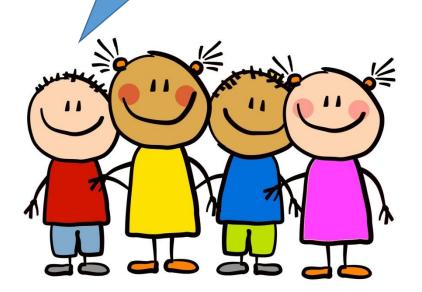
If there is bilingual support available, help me to learn new vocabulary and concepts in my first language as well as English.

Bilingualism is a great advantage!



Speech and Language Therapy Bilingual Service

I am learning English as a second language...



Please encourage my parents to continue to speak to me in my first language at home

It may take me up to 7
years to develop
proficiency in academic
language – please be
patient!

When I mix English and my first language it is a sign of grammatical sophistication, so don't worry – I am doing fine!