

## Bilingualism is a great advantage!

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.

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!