

BILINGUAL KIDS · AGES 2-8

Language Mixing: What's Normal

ONE-PAGE CHEAT SHEET

- 1 It's called code-switching**
A structured skill, not confusion.
- 2 Doesn't mean languages are "tangled"**
Kids distinguish languages from age one.
- 3 Model, don't correct**
"You want more water? Here you go."
- 4 Let them finish the sentence**
Interrupting teaches hesitation, not fluency.
- 5 Skip strict language-only rules**
Adds stress without speeding progress.
- 6 It fades on its own**
Decreases as vocabulary grows in both languages.
- 7 When to check in with a professional**
Only if there's a delay in BOTH languages at once.