

- You should tell the daycare about your child's language development. Likewise, the daycare should inform you about your child's Faroese language development in the daycare.

Children learn languages by hearing and using it often.

#### Advantages of being bilingual:

- Good language skills in several languages promote the understanding of the surroundings and help the child make friends with people of different culture and language.
- Being aware of the differences between languages can be of help to the child when he/she starts learning foreign languages in school.



## What can I do if I think my child has language difficulties?

- Take note of your child's hearing. If you suspect your child to have reduced hearing, you should go to the doctor.
- You can receive help with your child's speech by contacting Sernám.



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## When Children have Multiple Languages



What do we do, when we have more than one language in our home?

How do we help our child to learn language?



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## Which language should I speak to my child


- You should choose the language that you are most fluent in and that feels natural for you, both socially and emotionally. Hold on to this choice.
- Children who have two native languages often start talking a little late, because they have to learn more than children who only have one native language. Yet they grow to have an equally well-developed language as children with one native language.
- It is important that you don't mix languages when you speak to your child. The child doesn't know that you're speaking two languages.
- When you get better at Faroese, you can try to speak Faroese to the child in certain situations, e.g. When you pick them up from day care.



## Ways to help your child's language native language?

- \* Talk with the child from birth
- \* Read books in both languages. Read more about this subject on this website.



- \* Say everything that you and the child do. E.g. "I'm pouring milk into the cup".
- \* Sing to and with the child. 
- \* When the child grows older, you should repeat the child's words correctly and expand them.
- \* Go out and make different experiences together with the child and talk about everything you see.
- \* Children can learn language by watching TV/tablet, but only if you sit with the child and talk about what you see. Show the child materials in Faroese or the language you have chosen to speak to the child.

Children learn language best from people who speak that language fluently

## Examples of Faroese material:

Apps: "Míni fyrstu orð", "Telja" og "Ljóðbók"



Míni fyrstu orð



Telja



Ljóðbók

These apps are for iPhone and iPad, and are available in **App Store**.

Websites: On the website of **kringvarp** are Faroese radio and TV shows for children. This is the website:

<http://kvf.fo/vit>



<http://www.sprogpakken.dk/translated/en-transl-dialogisk.html>

Movies: "Trøllapætur", "Bubu", tatanka.fo.

Several Faroese movies and videos are available on

<http://youtube.com>



Other websites: <http://snar.fo/adrar-utbugvingar/foerleikamenning-og-endurutbugving/foeroyskt-fyritilflytarar/>

## How can my child begin to learn Faroese?

You can be a good role model for your child by:

- \* Showing the child that you can speak Faroese with the adult in the daycare.
- \* Showing your child that you are pleased when he/she uses Faroese words.