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FUN ACTIVITIES FOR A MULTILINGUAL FAMILY



Put sticky notes on different objects all over the house to reinforce vocabulary. Remove them once everybody in the house knows the name and find another object to put a sticky note on.



Play Animal Charades with a twist. They have to act out the animals but they need to guess in their second or third language or are told which animal to act out in the second language.



Cook together with your little ones, but name the ingredients in the second or third language. Ask them for help and give instructions in the other language



Use Bedtime to tell stories in their second or third language. Bilingual picture books often help to provide context. Storytelling always makes language learning fun!



Flashcards or memory games are a great way to build vocabulary. Hold a card up, if your little one can say what the object it, he gets to keep the card. The objective is to collect as many cards as you can. Don't have flash cards, make your own. Once they learn to read, you can even write the words.

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Sing Songs in your little one's second or third language. Make a playlist and dance to songs in that language. Music is a fun way to include the whole family in language learning in the most natural way.



Challenge

Have a 'Word of the day' and everybody in the family must use it at least 5 times in conversation during the day. It could be names of objects or actions or even describing words like short and tall.



Play Telephone. Whisper a sentence in the second or third language to your little one and have them repeat it to another family member who passes it on or says it out loud. Have fun laughing at how the words get mixed up while learning in the process.



Sock Puppets are a great way to have fun with a language. Whoever has the sock puppet on their hand has to speak in another language. The more dramatic the puppet, the more fun your little one will have. Give the puppet a personality.



I Spy. An easy game that you can play anywhere. In a car, at home, at the market, it's a fun way to reinforce vocabulary and language for your little one. It needs no prep and keeps your little one occupied as well.