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## THE EXTENT OF EXPOSURE TO $L_{\rm A}$ AND $L_{\rm B}$ DEPENDS ON FAMILY'S STRATEGIES:

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- · At home / away from home
- · Moments in each language
- · One person = one language
- · One language before another
- Free alternation

## Conditions for a quality exposure:

- · Human interactions (unlike passive exposure, TV, screens, ...)
- · Varied language (conversing, narrating, explaining, joking...)
- · Diversity of contexts : books, songs, shows...



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## Normal specificity of conversations between two bilingual individuals:



Monolingual mode
Only one language is used in conversation



 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Mixed mode} \\ \textbf{L}_{A} \text{ and } \textbf{L}_{B} \text{ are mixed} \\ \text{in conversation} \end{array}$ 

See "The development of bilingual child's language": code-switching, borrowing, code-blending.



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## IT IS A GRADUAL PROCESS FOR THE CHILD:

- in "pure" monolingual mode to develop each language
- in mixed mode to learn to switch from one language to another

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