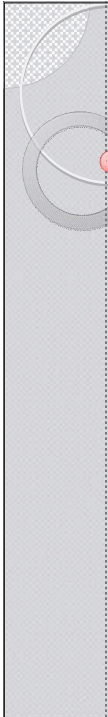


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Code Switching

- The use of two or more languages in the same stream of talk
- The ability to alternate between two language systems in a conversation

(Perez and Torres-Guzman, 1996, p. 58, PEL, 2nd edition)

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Language Loss

- *A language can be maintained only through exposure to speakers of that language and opportunities to use it. Therefore, families need to be encouraged to provide sufficient opportunities for children to speak their home language so that it can be maintained. (p. 61, PEL, 2nd edition)*

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