


Preschool English Learners
Principles and Practices to Promote
Language, Literacy, and Learning
A Resource Guide


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Chapter 6:
Code Switching and Language Loss

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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,
in *Preschool English Learners Resource Guide*, page 58

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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.'

Preschool English Learners Resource Guide, page 61
