

# Linguistic Identity and Code-Switching Among Bilinguals

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**Abstract.** This article investigates the phenomenon of code-switching among bilingual individuals, exploring its implications for linguistic identity and cultural expression. Through qualitative interviews and linguistic analysis, the study examines how bilinguals navigate multiple languages in various social contexts. The findings suggest that code-switching is a complex, dynamic process that reflects broader social identities and cultural affiliations. This research enhances our understanding of bilingual communication strategies and the role of language in identity formation.

**Keywords:** Code-Switching, Bilingualism, Linguistic Identity, Cultural Expression, Communication Strategies

## Introduction

Code-switching is a prevalent linguistic behavior among bilinguals, characterized by alternating between two or more languages within a conversation. This phenomenon not only facilitates communication but also serves as a marker of linguistic and cultural identity. The current study delves into the intricacies of code-switching, employing qualitative interviews and linguistic analysis to uncover its nuances. By examining the contexts in which bilinguals switch codes, the research highlights the interplay between language, identity, and social interaction. The article argues that code-switching is a reflection of complex social identities and offers insights into the cultural dimensions of bilingualism.

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