

## Solutions Exercise 1:

For all scenarios, your answers may differ and there are no wrong answers. These are, however, some suggestions for possible solutions.

### Scenario 1: Job Interview

#### *Challenges/Opportunities*

- Challenges: code-switching, ensuring equal language proficiency in both languages during the interview, and the need to adapt to the language preference of the interviewer.
- Opportunities: ability to seamlessly communicate in both languages, demonstrating adaptability and potential value in a multicultural work environment.

*Impact of Bilingualism Level:* high degree of bilingualism is crucial for effective job interview performance, showcasing proficiency in both languages and enhancing overall communication skills. Balanced bilingualism would be advantageous for maintaining equal mastery of both languages.

*Type of Bilingualism:* Bilingual proficiency may result from natural bilingualism or academic bilingualism.

### Scenario 2: Family Gathering

#### *Challenges/Opportunities:*

- Challenges: Ensuring integration and effective communication among relatives who speak different languages.
- Opportunities: Facilitating communication and cohesion with various family members, promoting a sense of belonging.

*Impact of Bilingualism Level:* Moderate to high bilingualism is beneficial for effective communication with relatives in different languages. Balanced bilingualism or dominant bilingualism can be advantageous.

*Type of Bilingualism:* In this scenario, natural bilingualism may prevail due to the diverse linguistic background of family members.

### Scenario 3: Traveling Abroad

#### *Challenges/Opportunities:*

- Challenges: Limited proficiency in one of the official languages, potential communication barriers.
- Opportunities: Cultural immersion, navigating situations using the mastered language.

*Impact of Bilingualism Level:* Moderate proficiency in an official language is essential, while higher proficiency provides an advantage. Balanced or dominant bilingualism is advantageous, depending on the official languages of the country.

*Type of Bilingualism:* Bilingualism can result from natural or academic sources.

#### Scenario 4: Classroom Experiences

##### *Challenges/Opportunities:*

- Challenges: Adapting to different teaching methods in each language, possible favoritism towards one language.
- Opportunities: Improved cognitive development, engagement with diverse perspectives.

*Impact of Bilingualism:* A high level of bilingualism is essential for effective learning in a bilingual educational environment. Balanced bilingualism ensures equal mastery of both languages.

*Type of Bilingualism:* school bilingualism with a focus on academic language skills.

#### Scenario 5: Language Preservation

##### *Challenges/Opportunities:*

- Challenges: Preserving an endangered mother tongue, potential resistance from community members.
- Opportunities: Preserving cultural heritage, promoting community identity.

*Impact of Bilingualism:* High or balanced bilingualism is crucial for effective communication and advocating for language preservation.

*Type of Bilingualism:* Natural bilingualism supported by the community, with an emphasis on preserving the mother tongue.

#### Solutions Exercise 2:

For this exercise, there are no right or wrong solutions, as this task is based on individual research and exploration.

Some examples where societal bilingualism prevails might be: Canada, Belgium, Finland, Singapore, South Africa, India, Luxembourg, Ireland, ...