

Chào, anh khỏe không? That means, Hello, How are you? in Vietnamese. Having two language is like trying something new everyday. It's tricky to have two languages. Sometimes you mix the two languages up, but it is fun to try to fix it. It's not easy for me to speak two languages, but it makes me a stronger individual, stronger student, and stronger citizen because I can speak two languages.

It makes me a stronger individual by teaching my ba (dad) and ngaoi (grandma) English, and they teach me Vietnamese. I have learned lots of information about Vietnam's past. I am learning about things that I might not know until I'm older, for instance, my ba has taught me things that happened during the Vietnam chiến tranh (war). My ba and ngaoi tell me about their past lives. This makes me curious about what it was like to be in Vietnam.

I'm a stronger student because I am teaching my ban (friend) my language. We even made-up our own game where the người Chơi gam (player) asks me a word and I try to noi (say) it in Vietnamese. If I biết (know) that word in my language, then I win. When I noi something wrong because my accent or they think it's wrong in English, they try to help me fix it .

I also have some challenges. One is, I'm falling behind in reading because, when I read I keeping noi (say) "uhhh the wolf uhh." So, I get bad grades on reading fluency. Sometimes I noi the word correctly, but because I have an accent, it sounds wrong. When theres an -ed at the end of the word I sometimes say the wrong -ed sound.

To sum everything up it's very tricky to speak English when you learn a different language first. I have made a lot of mistakes just by noi (say) a word. I think I will always mess up, but I think I'll be just fine if I fix my mistakes. By fixing my mistakes it makes me a better person.