

**Sociolinguistics and Purple Hibiscus:
Language-Contact Phenomena and Code-Switching**

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Personal Experiences

1. Make a list of 10 words / language / references that you use fairly regularly, but language that, when used, older people such as your parents and I have no idea what you are talking about. Next to these 10 words, translate them into language that adults or I might understand.
2. List 3-5 instances in which you are most likely to change the way that you communicate / use language quickly.
3. What do you notice about the ways that you use language in different scenarios? Why do people alter their language depending on a situation?

Definitions and Research

Please define the following:

Linguistics:

Sociolinguistics:

'Code-Switch':

Now, read a little bit about Code-Switching. Find this NPR article on Code-Switching: (<http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2013/04/08/176064688/how-code-switching-explains-the-world>)

Find at least one other article (pick one that looks interesting!).
Write the title, author, website:

Title _____ Author _____

Website: _____

What are 3 interesting ideas that emerge from your reading?

Why are people most likely to code-switch?

What is the purpose of it? The benefits? The outcomes & results?

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Code-Switching in Purple Hibiscus:

As you likely noticed, there are several times in the text where characters code-switch. Please find these instances (page numbers provided), copy the corresponding quote below, then comment on each excerpt—why do the characters code-switch and what is the result?

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