

**Sociolinguistics and Purple Hibiscus: DAY 1**  
**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>) Read, then answer these questions:

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?

**Sociolinguistics and Purple Hibiscus: DAY 2**  
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View Key and Peele's comedy sketches related to Code Switching. Here are the titles of several sketches that are relevant to Code Switching paired with Purple Hibiscus passages. Watch and think about how they may reveal similar truths through people's use of language. Think about this question: Why do the characters code-switch and what is the result?

- a. Soul Food. (2:37)
  
  
- b. Obama Meet and Greet (1:54) / PH page 46
  
  
- c. Obama Anger Translator (2:30) / PH page 60
  
  
- d. Substitute Teacher Part 1 (3:01) / PH pages 179-80
  
  
- e. The Puppet Parole Officer from Hell (4:28) / PH page 229
  
  
- f. Phone Call (:44) / PH Page 231

As I mentioned yesterday, many linguists study how Code Switching explains the world. After reviewing the times that characters in Purple Hibiscus code switch, please explain: How does Code Switching explain the world in *Purple Hibiscus*?