

Biracial and Bilingual

Biodata

Ahmad is a 9-year-old biracial boy who is currently in primary school. He is the only child of a Caucasian English father and a Malay mother. The family recently moved from Kuala Lumpur to a Malay-majority town in northern Malaysia.

Background

Ahmad is an intelligent student and loves playing football. His father is an engineer who has accepted a new position with better pay. His mother is a housewife.

Dilemma

Ahmad has struggled since moving to his new school. This is because he is more fluent in English than Malay, and this has led to him having issue socially interacting with his peers. His peer also constantly mocked him in class because he is different than the other students, making fun of his accent and looks. Ahmad is more reserved in class and at home as a result. His parents are concerned about Ahmad, and visited his school counselor to discuss the issue.