

**Effort makes English easier to comprehend**  
**(My title: Making English more comprehensible)**  
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Lori Kostival feels that “speaking Spanish to the parents at school does not help them when they go home and need to help their children with their homework.” (“Stop accommodating Spanish speakers,” August 13).

But it does. It allows parents to provide help in a language both the parent and the child understand. This can make homework more comprehensible, which improves English language acquisition.

It is not a way of “forcing us to accommodate them”: It is making English more comprehensible. This is exactly what effective bilingual programs do, and is why properly organized bilingual programs have been shown again and again to be more effective for English language development than all-English “immersion” programs.  
Stephen Krashen

**Hat-tip: Grant Boulanger**