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## Factors that Influence Heritage Language Maintenance

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### Parental Role in Heritage Language Maintenance

The first question is “How do Asian immigrant parents support their children in the maintenance and development of heritage language?” This question explores parental attitudes and efforts toward HL promotion for the next generation. Immigrant parents are significant linguistic resources for their children; therefore, examining the presence of parental support in the family would contribute to understand how it assists immigrant offspring’s HL development. There are three general patterns of parental support in their children’s maintenance and development of heritage language across Asian immigrants: (a) using the heritage language at home; (b) encouraging their children to attend a heritage school; and (c) travelling to the homeland.

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**Heritage language use at home.** Asian immigrant parents actively involved in their children’s HL education by urging constant HL use at home (Li, 2006a; Noro, 2009; Park, 2013). Such parents appeared to be enthusiastic with regard to their children’s oral proficiency in HL; they often adopted a HL only policy for communication with their children on a daily basis and promoted oral proficiency through direct teaching. For example, Park (2013) found that Korean immigrant parents in Montreal exclusively used HL when they communicated with their children with particular emphasis on honorifics. The Korean parents explained that appropriate HL use of honorifics was important for appropriate oral communication with older interlocutors.

Chinese immigrant families in Vancouver are also reported to deliberately pursue HL as a home language; even when their children respond in English. Sometimes, the parents avoid using English at all and continue to speak ethnic language to encourage consistent HL use at home (Li, 2006a). Sakamoto (2006) found that Japanese immigrant parents in Toronto corrected their