

## Heritage Spanish Speaker's Bilingual Practices and Linguistic Varieties: Challenges and Opportunities

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**Abstract :** This paper will discuss some of the bilingual practices of Heritage Spanish speakers caused by living within two cultures and two languages, Spanish, the heritage language, and English, the dominant language. When two languages remain in contact for long periods, such as the case of Spanish and English, it is common that both languages can be affected by bilingual practices such as Spanglish, code-switching, borrowing, anglicisms and calques. Examples of these translingual practices will be provided, as well as HS speaker's linguistic dialects, and the challenges they encounter with the standard variety used in the Spanish classroom.

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