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Type of Speech:

noun [2]

Definition:

The practice of combining or switching between elements of more than one language in verbal and written communication. Effective communication is the primary goal when code-switching. Originally a term understood in relation to second language learning (that is, switching between English and a second language such as Spanish), it is also used to describe switching between "standard" English and non-standard dialects or traditions.

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