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Abstract:

This dissertation examines the role of language attitudes and code-switching in Saida, a region in western Algeria known for its rich linguistic landscape, where Arabic, French, and Berber languages are commonly used. Using a mixed-methods approach that includes online questionnaire and interviews, this study analyzes the social, cultural, and linguistic factors that shape language attitudes and code-switching practices in the region.

This study investigates the meanings and messages conveyed through code-switching and explores the communicative functions of different language varieties in daily life. Findings reveal that language attitudes and code-switching practices are influenced by social identity, language proficiency, situational context, and communicative goals. Code-switching is used as a tool to bridge language gaps and express cultural identity, with Arabic, French, and Berber languages all serving important functions in different contexts.

In addition, this study highlights the role of language attitudes in shaping language use and code-switching practices among community members. The findings suggest that language attitudes are closely tied to social and cultural identity and play an important role in defining linguistic boundaries and hierarchies.

Overall, this study provides insights into the complex and dynamic nature of language attitudes and code-switching in multilingual communities and contributes to our understanding of how language is used to negotiate social and cultural boundaries in diverse linguistic contexts. The implications for language policy and planning are also discussed, emphasizing the importance of promoting linguistic diversity and multilingualism in regions such as Saida.

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Introduction:

Language is a fundamental aspect of human communication, shaping our interactions, identities, and cultural affiliations. The study of language attitudes, code-switching, and bilingualism has garnered significant attention in linguistics and sociolinguistics, as it sheds light on the intricate dynamics of language use in multilingual societies. This research paper aims to explore these phenomena within the context of Saida, Algeria, and examine the linguistic diversity present in the region.

The first chapter of this dissertation serves as a comprehensive literature review, providing a theoretical foundation for understanding language attitudes and code-switching. Language attitudes refer to the perceptions, beliefs, and evaluations individuals hold regarding different languages or language varieties. This section will delve into the factors influencing language attitudes and their impact on language use and maintenance. Additionally, it will explore the concept of code-switching, the practice of alternating between two or more languages within a conversation, and examine the motivations behind this linguistic behaviour.

Furthermore, the first part of Chapter 1 will address the language gap, focusing on the disparities that exist within linguistic communities. It will examine how language attitudes and sociolinguistic factors contribute to the differential distribution of linguistic resources and opportunities. Understanding the language gap is crucial for identifying the challenges faced by various language communities and developing strategies to bridge these gaps.

The second part of Chapter 1 will shift the focus to the linguistic situation in Algeria, with specific emphasis on Saida. This section will explore the rich linguistic diversity present in Saida, highlighting the coexistence of multiple languages and dialects within the region. By examining the linguistic landscape and the sociolinguistic dynamics at play, this chapter aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the linguistic context in which the research is conducted.

The second chapter of this research paper will provide a detailed account of the methodology employed to investigate language attitudes, code-switching, and bilingualism in Saida, Algeria. It will outline the research design, including the selection of participants and the rationale behind the chosen methodology. The chapter will also define the tools used, primarily a questionnaire and observation, and discuss their suitability in capturing the desired data.

The final chapter of this dissertation will present the interpretation and discussion of the results obtained from the research tools which are the Online questionnaire and the teachers' interview. It will analyze the collected data, explore patterns and trends, and provide a comprehensive understanding of language attitudes, code-switching, and bilingualism in Saida, Algeria. The chapter will then offer recommendations based on the findings, aiming to address the linguistic challenges identified and contribute to language policies and planning in the region.

In conclusion, this research paper seeks to shed light on language attitudes, code-switching, and bilingualism, with a specific focus on Saida, Algeria. By investigating the linguistic diversity and language gap in the region, this study aims to deepen our understanding of language dynamics in multilingual societies. The subsequent chapters will delve into the literature, methodology, and interpretation of findings, culminating in valuable recommendations for fostering language inclusivity and promoting linguistic resources within the community

Chapter One: Literature review

1.1. Introduction

Language attitudes and code-switching are two important concepts that have been widely studied in the field of sociolinguistics. This chapter provides a review of the literature on language attitudes and code-switching in multilingual communities, with a focus on how these concepts relate to the ability of individuals to get their messages across in daily life.

1.2. Overview of multilingualism and code-switching:

Multilingualism refers to the ability of an individual to speak or use multiple languages. Code-switching, on the other hand, is the practice of alternating between two or more languages or language varieties in the same conversation or communication context (Myers-Scotton, 1993). These phenomena have been studied extensively by scholars in various fields, including sociolinguistics, linguistics, and education.

Myers-Scotton's book "Code-Switching" (1993) provides a comprehensive overview of the sociolinguistic phenomenon of code-switching. The author describes various linguistic and sociolinguistic factors that can influence the use of code-switching, including language proficiency, social status, and cultural identity.

Bolani's edited volume "Language Mixing and Code-Switching in Writing: Approaches to Mixed-Language Written Discourse" (2010) focuses on the use of code-switching in written discourse. The book presents various approaches and theoretical frameworks for analyzing and understanding the use of mixed-language written discourse in various contexts.

Edwards' book "Multilingualism" (1994) provides an overview of multilingualism, including its historical and sociolinguistic aspects. The author explores the role of

language in identity formation and social integration, as well as the challenges and benefits of being multilingual. Edwards also discusses the implications of multilingualism for language policy and education.

Code-switching is a linguistic phenomenon that involves the use of two or more languages or varieties within a single conversation or discourse (Auer, 1998). According to Myers-Scotton (1993), code-switching can be used for various social and pragmatic purposes such as establishing solidarity, showing respect or politeness, emphasizing a point, or conveying humour or sarcasm. In addition, code-switching can also serve as a means of identity negotiation, particularly for bilingual or multilingual individuals who switch between languages to express different aspects of their identities (Gardner-Chloros, 2009).

Various typologies of code-switching have been proposed based on different criteria such as syntactic, discourse, or social factors (Poplack, 1980; Sankoff & Poplack, 1981). One of the most widely used typologies is Poplack's (1980) classification of code-switching into three types: inter-sentential, intra-sentential, and tag switching. Inter-sentential switching involves switching between languages or varieties at sentence boundaries, whereas intra-sentential switching involves switching within a sentence. Tag switching refers to the insertion of a word or phrase from one language into a sentence in another language.

Another typology proposed by Auer (1998) distinguishes between situational, metaphorical, and optional code-switching. Situational code-switching occurs when speakers switch languages based on the situational context, such as addressing someone who speaks a different language. Metaphorical code-switching involves using a different language or variety to convey a metaphorical meaning or to express an attitude or emotion. Optional code-switching refers to the choice of using one language or variety over another for a particular communicative purpose.

Li and Milroy (1995) proposed a typology of code-switching based on discourse functions, including contextualization cues, discourse markers, and code-switching as a discourse strategy. Contextualization cues refer to switches used to signal a change in topic or speaker, while discourse markers are used to signal different types

of information. Code-switching as a discourse strategy involves using one language or variety to perform a particular discourse function, such as clarification or emphasis.

Overall, these typologies demonstrate the diverse and complex nature of code-switching and highlight the importance of understanding the social and pragmatic functions of code-switching in different contexts.

1.3. Language Attitudes

Language attitudes refer to the attitudes and beliefs that individuals hold towards different languages and dialects. These attitudes can range from positive to negative and can be influenced by a variety of factors, including social class, education, and identity (Giles, Bourhis, & Taylor, 1977). Language attitudes can also vary depending on the context in which they are expressed, with individuals expressing different attitudes towards the same language or dialect in different situations (Fishman, 1965).

Research on language attitudes in multilingual communities has focused on how individuals express their attitudes towards different languages and dialects. For example, studies have shown that individuals in multilingual communities often express positive attitudes towards the dominant language, while expressing negative attitudes towards minority languages or dialects (Gal, 1979; Bourhis, 1981). Additionally, research has shown that individuals in multilingual communities may express different attitudes towards different languages or dialects depending on the context in which they are used (Fishman, 1965).

Code-switching can occur for a variety of reasons, including the desire to express identity or social affiliation, to signal social distance or solidarity, or to convey certain messages that cannot be easily expressed in a single language (Gumperz, 1982; Heller, 1988). One factor that has been found to play a crucial role in code-switching behaviour is language attitudes or the beliefs and evaluations that individuals hold about different languages and language varieties.

Language attitudes have been defined as "the attitudes and beliefs that individuals hold about the languages or dialects that they encounter in their everyday lives" (Garrett, 2010, p. 161). Language attitudes can be shaped by a variety of factors, including social, cultural, historical, and political factors (Preston, 1989). These attitudes can be positive, negative, or ambivalent, and they can influence how speakers use different languages or language varieties in different contexts.

Several studies have investigated the role of language attitudes in code-switching behaviour. For example, Myers-Scotton (1993) found that bilingual speakers in Kenya code-switched more frequently when speaking to people with whom they had positive attitudes towards both languages, compared to those with negative attitudes towards one of the languages. Similarly, Rymes (2001) found that Latino/ students in the United States were more likely to code-switch when they perceived their peers as having positive attitudes towards Spanish and bilingualism.

Other studies have focused on the relationship between language attitudes and the functions of code-switching. For instance, Appel and Muysken (1987) found that Spanish-English bilinguals in the United States were more likely to code-switch for affective reasons, such as expressing emotions or emphasizing a point when speaking to people with whom they shared positive attitudes towards both languages. In contrast, they were more likely to code-switch for instrumental reasons, such as conveying information or clarifying meaning, when speaking to people with negative attitudes towards one of the languages.

Overall, these studies suggest that language attitudes play an important role in shaping code-switching behaviour. Speakers may be more likely to code-switch when they perceive that their interlocutors share positive attitudes towards both languages, and they may use code-switching for different communicative functions depending on their attitudes towards the languages involved. Understanding the role of language attitudes in code-switching can provide insights into the complex social and cultural factors that shape language use and language change in multilingual contexts.

1.4. The motivational impact of code-switching

The motivations behind code-switching can have a significant impact on the social dynamics of a conversation or communication event. Depending on the context and the interlocutors involved, code-switching can reinforce or challenge existing power relations, establish or break down social boundaries, and facilitate or hinder communication.

For example, when speakers switch to a language or dialect associated with higher status or prestige, they may assert their authority or dominance over the interlocutor, thereby reinforcing existing power asymmetries (Giles & Coupland, 1991). Conversely, when speakers switch to a language or dialect associated with lower status or stigmatized identity, they may challenge dominant norms or express solidarity with marginalized groups (Zentella, 1997).

Code-switching can also impact social boundaries and identity construction. When speakers switch to a language or dialect associated with a particular social group, they may signal their affiliation with that group and reinforce their social identity (Heller, 1992). Similarly, when speakers switch to a language or dialect that is not shared by the interlocutor, they may create a social distance or establish a boundary between themselves and the other person (Milroy & Muysken, 1995).

1.5. Types of motivations for code-switching

In terms of communication, the motivations behind code-switching can affect the clarity and efficiency of the interaction. When speakers switch to a language or dialect that the other person is not familiar with, they may confuse or alienate the interlocutor and hinder effective communication (Auer, 1998). Conversely, when speakers switch to a language or dialect that is better suited for discussing a particular topic or for conveying a certain emotion or attitude, they may facilitate understanding and enhance the communicative impact of the message (Blom & Gumperz, 1972).

The motivations behind code-switching can have a complex and multifaceted impact on the social and communicative dynamics of a conversation.

1.5.1. Social motivations for code-switching:

One of the motivations for code-switching is social. Guillermo Bartelt's (2006) edited volume, "Code-switching and Motivation," offers a range of perspectives on this theme. For example, some studies suggest that code-switching can be a way of expressing group membership or solidarity (Milroy & Muysken, 1995), while others suggest that it can be used to establish social distance or differentiate oneself from others (Auer, 1998). Bartelt's volume thus highlights the social motivations behind code-switching, which can vary depending on the communicative context and the identities of the speakers involved.

1.5.2. Linguistic motivations for code-switching

Another motivation for code-switching is linguistic. Caroline Ntofo's (2018) study, "Code-Switching as a Social Practice: Evidence from a Study of Cameroonian Pidgin English," offers insights into this aspect of code-switching. Ntofo argues that code-switching can be used to enhance meaning, particularly when one language does not have a word or phrase that adequately captures a particular concept. Additionally, code-switching can be used to maintain the grammatical integrity of a language. For example, if a speaker does not know how to express a particular tense or aspect in one language, they may switch to another language that does have that feature.

1.5.3. Psychological motivations for code-switching:

A third motivation for code-switching is psychological. Bartelt's (2006) volume explores this theme, with studies suggesting that code-switching can be used to reduce anxiety and build rapport between speakers (Gumperz, 1982), or to express emotion and create affective bonds (Saravia-Shore, 2006). The psychological motivations for code-switching highlight the role of emotions and affect in shaping linguistic practices.

1.5.4. Bridging the Language Gap in Communication

Code-switching has been studied extensively in linguistics, sociology, and communication studies. According to Gumperz (1982), code-switching is a way of negotiating social identity and relationships in multilingual communities. Code-

switching can serve different functions, such as expressing solidarity, marking boundaries, and clarifying meaning.

Code-switching is often used in multilingual settings, such as in bilingual education, workplace communication, and social media. In bilingual education, code-switching can be used as a tool to teach second-language learners. Li (2018) found that code-switching can improve students' comprehension and facilitate their learning of the second language.

In workplace communication, code-switching can help employees overcome language barriers and communicate effectively. Gonzales (2015) studied code-switching in a healthcare setting and found that code-switching was a useful tool for healthcare providers to communicate with patients who spoke a different language.

In social media, code-switching is used to accommodate multilingual audiences. Wei and Li (2019) analyzed code-switching in Chinese social media and found that code-switching was used to express emotions, build solidarity, and negotiate identity.

1.6. Language Attitudes and Code-Switching in Multilingual Communities

The literature on language attitudes and code-switching in multilingual communities has shown that these concepts are closely related. For example, research has shown that individuals in multilingual communities often express different attitudes towards different languages or dialects depending on the context in which they are used (Fishman, 1965). Additionally, research has shown that individuals in multilingual communities often switch between languages or dialects depending on the social context in which they are communicating (Gumperz, 1982; Gal, 1979).

One of the main implications of this research is that language attitudes and code-switching are closely related to the ability of individuals to get their messages across in daily life in multilingual communities. For example, some research has shown that individuals in multilingual communities who express positive attitudes towards

different languages or dialects and who can switch between languages or dialects in different situations are more likely to be able to communicate effectively with others in daily life (Gal, 1979).

1.7. The language gap

The "language gap" refers to the challenges that arise when individuals with different linguistic backgrounds need to communicate with one another. In the Saida speech community, this gap is likely to occur due to the presence of multiple languages and language varieties spoken by community members.

To get messages across in daily life, speakers in the Saida speech community may use various strategies, such as code-switching, borrowing words and expressions, using gestures and nonverbal cues, and relying on interpreters or translators. Code-switching, in particular, can be a powerful tool for filling the language gap, as it allows speakers to switch between languages or language varieties in the same conversation to be better understood.

However, the effectiveness of these strategies may be influenced by language attitudes and social factors, such as age, gender, and educational level. For example, speakers who hold negative attitudes towards certain languages or language varieties may be less likely to use them in communication, and this may impede their ability to get messages across.

Therefore, understanding the dynamics of language attitudes and code-switching in the Saida speech community is crucial for addressing the language gap and facilitating effective communication among community members

The literature on language attitudes and code-switching in the Saida speech community also highlights the importance of code-switching for effective communication in daily life. For example, research has shown that individuals in the Saida speech community who can switch between languages and dialects in different

situations are more likely to be able to communicate effectively with others in daily life (El-Haj, 2016).

In summary, the literature on language attitudes and code-switching in multilingual communities and the Saida speech community highlights the importance of these concepts for effective communication in daily life. The research has shown that individuals in multilingual communities often express different attitudes towards different languages and dialects depending on the context in which they are used and that they often switch between languages and dialects depending on the social context in which they are communicating. Additionally, the literature highlights the importance of code-switching for effective communication in daily life in multilingual communities.

1.8. Conclusion

This first chapter covered the definitions of the main concepts related to code-switching and the attitudes towards using it as a tool. It can be concluded that in a multilingual community, there is a tendency among speakers to mix phrases, clauses and sentences during conversations. They tend to have the ability to switch between codes to fill the missing gap in communication. It can also be said that CS is a temporary solution that may help to avoid the misunderstanding that can happen. These phenomena have been defined by many scholars and the question concerning why people code-switch has not yet got a precise answer. Thus, the reasons, factors and ways of code-switching differ from one speaker to another. The next chapter will be devoted to the linguistic and sociolinguistic situations in Algeria precisely the Saida speech community.

Chapter Two: Linguistic Situation and Methodology

2.1. Introduction

This chapter describes two parts, the first part is descriptive which includes some historical background about the languages used in Saida, the language situation and its diversity in Saida. The second part represents the methodology used in this study to investigate language attitudes and code-switching in the Saida speech community. This research aims to explore how language attitudes influence the use of code-switching and how code-switching is perceived in this multilingual community. This research employs one principal method which is a questionnaire that was randomly submitted to the respondents.

2.2. Language situation in Algeria

In Algeria, people speak at least three languages: Arabic, French, and Berber. The choice of which language to use is based on social and cultural factors, and each language is used in different situations. For example, Arabic may be used in government settings, while French may be used for science and technology. This choice is influenced by the social pressures that the speaker faces.

Linguists need to observe and study the daily language use of speakers, as this helps to understand the unique characteristics of each language and how they differ from other forms of human language. The daily language use, or "Complexe de langue," in Algeria is a complex mixture of codes and borrowing, with neologisms and code-switching involving two or more languages at the same time. This complex language use reflects the speaker's language attitude and cultural identity and is shaped by various linguistic systems and sub-systems.

This dynamic process of language use is not necessarily similar across the different languages spoken in Algeria, which have different genetic backgrounds. Therefore, it is essential to understand how the different languages and their sub-systems interact with each other in the daily language use of speakers in Algeria.

The linguistic situation in Algeria is complex, as it involves the coexistence of different languages, each with its own set of rules and social pressures. This

complexity has been the subject of numerous studies, which have focused on the relationship between language use, cultural identity, and social dynamics in Algeria.

For instance, some studies have examined the role of language in shaping the cultural identity of the Berber community in Algeria. These studies have shown that the use of the Berber language has been associated with the affirmation of Berber cultural identity and the rejection of the Arabization policy imposed by the Algerian government.

Other studies have explored the linguistic situation in the education system in Algeria. These studies have highlighted the challenges faced by students who are required to learn in a language that is not their first language. This has resulted in lower academic achievement and a widening achievement gap between students from different linguistic backgrounds.

In conclusion, the language situation in Algeria is complex and multifaceted. It involves the coexistence of different languages and the use of each language in specific domains. The daily language use of speakers in Algeria reflects their language attitude and cultural identity and is shaped by various linguistic systems and sub-systems. Understanding the linguistic situation in Algeria is crucial for policymakers, educators, and researchers who seek to promote linguistic diversity and social cohesion.

2.3. Language diversity in Saida, Algeria

Saida, located in northwestern Algeria, is a city with a diverse linguistic landscape. The official language of Algeria is Arabic and precisely Algerian Arabic, but there are also several other languages spoken in the city, including Berber, French, and English. This essay will explore the language situation in Saida, including the main languages spoken, their histories and cultural significance, and their impact on society.

2.3.1. Arabic

Arabic is the primary language spoken in Saida, with the Algerian Arabic dialect being the most commonly used. AA is a variant of Maghrebi Arabic and has several

regional variations. The dialect spoken in Saida may have unique features compared to other regions, reflecting the city's cultural identity. The use of Arabic is deeply ingrained in Algerian culture, and it serves as a marker of national identity.

2.3.2. Berber

In addition to Arabic, the Berber language is also spoken in Saida. Berber languages are indigenous to North Africa and are spoken by the Berber people, who make up a significant portion of Algeria's population. Kabyle is the most commonly spoken Berber language in Saida, and it is an important part of the city's cultural heritage. The use of Berber languages was suppressed during the colonial era, and efforts have been made to revive them in recent years to preserve cultural diversity.

2.3.3. French

French is also widely spoken in Saida, particularly among the older generation who may have received a French education during Algeria's colonial period. French played a significant role in Algeria's history, and its influence can still be seen today in areas such as education, politics, and culture. However, its usage has been declining in recent years as the government has been promoting the use of Arabic as a way of asserting national identity.

2.3.4. English

English is becoming increasingly popular among the younger generation in Saida, as it is seen as a valuable language for international communication and business. English proficiency is also seen as a marker of education and social status, and it is often taught in schools as a second language.

The language situation in Saida is complex and reflects the city's diverse cultural heritage. Arabic is the dominant language and serves as a marker of national identity, while Berber languages are an important part of the city's cultural heritage. French and English have played significant roles in Algeria's history, and their influence can still be seen today in Saida's linguistic landscape.

The linguistic diversity in Saida has implications for social cohesion and identity. The use of different languages can create linguistic barriers and lead to social divisions, particularly in areas such as education and employment. However, it can also be seen as a source of cultural richness and diversity, and efforts have been

made to promote multilingualism as a way of celebrating cultural heritage while fostering social cohesion.

In conclusion, the language situation in Saida, Algeria is complex and reflects the city's diverse cultural heritage. Arabic is the primary language spoken, while Berber, French, and English are also used to varying degrees. The use of different languages has implications for social cohesion and identity, and efforts have been made to promote multilingualism as a way of celebrating cultural diversity while fostering social cohesion.

2.4. **Research Methods**

According to Singh (2006), C.C. Crawford states that research is essentially a methodical and disciplined way of thinking that uses specialized tools, methods, and procedures to arrive at a better answer to a problem than would otherwise be attainable. It begins with a problem, gathers data or facts, critically analyzes them, and makes judgments based on the evidence. In other words, research aims to find solutions to issues that have remained unanswered so far, and the answers are dependent on human efforts. In common parlance, it entails a quest for knowledge (Kothari, 1990). Similarly, Waltz and Bansell (1981), define research methodology as a method for finding answers to issues or discovering and interpreting new facts and relationships that is methodical, formal, rigorous, and precise. The systematic, theoretical analysis of the 39 procedures used in a field of research is known as methodology. It entails the theoretical examination of the body's methods and principles of a field of study.

2.5. **Research Approaches**

Research approaches are research plans and procedures that cover the study steps from general assumptions to precise data collection, analysis, and interpretation methodologies. Depending on the nature of the research problem, a research study may involve one or more approaches. Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methodologies are the three main approaches (Creswell, 2013). According to Dörnyei (2019), quantitative research entails data-gathering approaches that primarily provide numerical data, which is subsequently analyzed using statistical methods. A typical example is a questionnaire that is then analyzed using statistical software such as SPSS. On the contrary, data collection approaches in qualitative research produce mostly open-ended, non-numerical data, which is then analyzed predominantly using

non-statistical approaches. Interview research, including transcribed recordings analyzed using qualitative content analysis, is an example. The mixed-methods approach includes both quantitative and qualitative data collection. When these two methodologies are combined, they offer a more comprehensive grasp of a study problem than each strategy independently. The mixed methods approach to research is an addition to, not a substitute for, the quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, as the latter two will continue to be relevant and essential (Johnson & Onwuegbuzie, 2004). 40 Since the goal of this present study is to investigate and identify the major challenges that EFL teachers and students encounter in distance learning, as well as their impact on learners' academic performance, the researchers decided that a mixed-methods approach (quantitative and qualitative approaches) would be more suitable because it serves the nature of the study. More significantly, the chosen method allows the researchers to learn about the attitudes of Algerian teachers and learners about e-learning in the Algerian educational system.

2.6. Research Design

Leedy (1997, p. 195) describes research design as a study plan that lays out the overarching structure for data collection. It is defined by McMillan and Schumacher (2001, p. 166) as a strategy for choosing subjects, study settings, and data-collecting processes to answer the research question (s). They go on to say that the purpose of a good study design is to provide results that can be trusted. According to Durrheim (2004), research design is a strategic framework for action that acts as a link between research questions and research strategy execution. There is some overlap between the concepts of research designs and research approaches. The research design is a model or a framework that the entire study is based on; it controls the study's style and gives the study's road map in terms of sample size, data collecting instruments, and analysis procedures. Research approaches, on the other hand, are paradigms and analytic frameworks that might be quantitative, qualitative, or mixed-methods. One or more approaches may be used in a given study design. In a cross-sectional questionnaire, for example, one can choose between a quantitative and a mixed-methods. As for the research design for this study, the researchers chose a descriptive research design for our study because it best reflects the nature of our research. In essence, the purpose of descriptive research is to characterize a phenomenon or an issue, as well as the influence or impact it has. This research design is more interested in what happened than how or why it happened. As a result, data is frequently gathered through observations, interviews, and questionnaires. In such research,

data may be gathered qualitatively, but it is frequently analyzed quantitatively, with frequencies, percentages, averages, and other statistical analyses used to determine relationships (Nassaji, 2015). 42

2.7. Sampling and Population

Since it is rarely feasible, effective, or ethical to examine entire populations, choosing a study sample is a critical stage in any research undertaking. The goal of research sampling is to take a representative sample of the population and then generalize the findings back to the entire population. The best method to use is determined by the study's objectives (Marshall, 1996).

2.7.1. Population

The population, in research terms, can be defined as a large group of people, institutions, items, and so on who have similar qualities that the researcher is interested in. A population can therefore be defined as an aggregate observation of individuals grouped by a common attribute. It also refers to the total pool from which a statistical sample is drawn. To put it another way, Polit and Hungler (1999, p. 37) define the population as the sum of all objects, subjects, or members that meet a set of criteria .And in this research the target population are members from the Saida community.

2.7.2. Sample

For data collecting, it is impractical for a researcher to approach all of the individuals involved in a population; instead, they approach a representative group, which is referred to as a sample. A sample, in research terms, is a group of individuals, objects, or items selected for measurement from a wider population. To ensure that the findings from the chosen sample can be generalized to the entire population, the sample must be representative of the population. A sample is a subset of a population that has been chosen to engage in a study; it is a proportion of the total population that has been chosen to participate in the study (Polit & Hungler, 1999) 43 As the population and sample for this study will be recruited from the Saida speech community in Algeria. Inclusion criteria for participants will be: (a) fluent in Arabic and/or French, (b) currently living in Saida, and (c) willing to participate in the study. Purposive

sampling will be used to select participants who represent a range of ages, genders, education levels, and professions.

2.8. Data Collection Methods

According to (Dörnyei, 2007; Kumar, 2011), quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods data-gathering methods are the most commonly used in research. Structured observation, structured questionnaires, and structured focus group discussions are all instances of quantitative data collection methods; yet, unstructured interviews and unstructured focus group discussions are examples of qualitative data collecting methods. Mixed-methods data collection methods, on the other hand, integrate the use of quantitative and qualitative data collection methods. The latter include semi-structured interviews, semi-structured questionnaires and so on.

Data for this study will be collected through a semi-structured questionnaire. Semi-structured questionnaire It is probably the best method to collect information, compared to the other methods like interview or observation, when the sample population is spread over a large territory. It permits nationwide or even international coverage. The questionnaire makes it possible to contact many people who could not otherwise be reached. It can cover a large group at the same time. Goode and Hatt 2010 said that when the researcher has to cover a group of respondents who are widely scattered, lie can use the questionnaire to minimize the cost. It is also a time saver and flexible tool for collecting both quantitative and qualitative information The questionnaire will consist of closed-ended and open-ended questions. Closed-ended questions will use a Likert scale or multiple-choice format to gather quantitative data on participants' language attitudes and code-switching practices. Open-ended questions will be used to gather qualitative data on participants' experiences and perspectives related to language attitudes and code-switching practices.

2.9. Data Analysis

Data analysis will be conducted using both quantitative and qualitative methods. Quantitative data will be analyzed using descriptive statistics, such as means and frequencies, to summarize participants' responses to the closed-ended questions.

Qualitative data will be analyzed using thematic analysis. Thematic analysis will involve identifying and analyzing patterns or themes in participants' responses to the open-ended questions. An inductive approach will be used to develop themes, with the themes emerging from the data itself rather than being predetermined by the researcher.

The identified themes and quantitative data will be used to answer the research questions and explore the relationships between language attitudes and code-switching practices in the Saida speech community.

2.10. Ethical Considerations

Ethical considerations for this study will include obtaining informed consent from participants, ensuring participant confidentiality, and minimizing any potential harm or discomfort. The study will also be reviewed and approved by an ethics committee before data collection.

2.11. Conclusion

This chapter has described the language situation in Algeria and gives an overview of the diversity of languages used in Saida in the first part of the chapter. The second part of the chapter described the methodology used in this study to investigate language attitudes and code-switching in the Saida speech community using an online questionnaire. The mixed-methods approach, using both closed-ended and open-ended questions, will provide a comprehensive understanding of participants' language attitudes and code-switching practices. The next chapter will present the findings of this study and discuss their implications for language policy and planning in the Saida speech community.

Chapter Three: Data Analysis and Findings

3.1. Questionnaire analysis

3.1.1. The Respondent's Gender

	Participants	**Percentage**
Male	19	63.3%)
Female	11	36.7%
Total	30	100%

Table1 The Participants Gender

This table represents the gender between males and females. Out of 30 responses, the majority (63.3%) were male. A minority (36.7%) were female. Which means that the most respondents were male.

3.1.2. The Participant's age
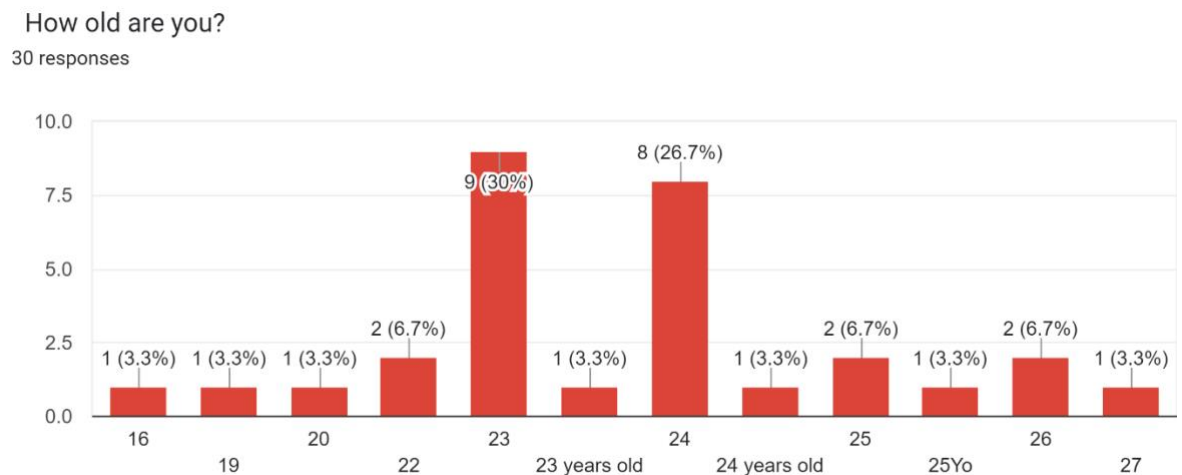
Figure 1: The respondents' age

Figure 2 reveals that out of 30 responses, the average age was 23.4 years, indicating that the participants are young adults. The youngest age was under 20, given by three respondents (10%), who may be teenagers or college students. The oldest age was 27, given by two respondents (6.7%), who may be graduates or professionals. The most common age was 23, given by 10 respondents (33.3%), followed by 24, given by eight respondents (26.7%).

3.1.3. The Field of Study

Field of study	Number of students	Percentage (%)
Economics	3	10
Foreign Languages	15	50
Human sciences	1	3.3
Science and technology	5	16.7
Other	6	20

Table2 The Field of Study

The questionnaire also asked the participants which field they were studying in. Table 1 reveals that the most common field was foreign languages, given by 15 respondents (50%), who may be studying languages such as English, French or Spanish. The second most common field was science and technology, given by five respondents (16.7%). The third most common field was economics, given by three respondents (10%). The fourth most common field was human sciences, given by one respondent (3.3%), who may be studying disciplines such as psychology, sociology, or anthropology. The fifth most common field was other, given by six respondents (20%), who may be studying fields that were not listed in the questionnaire or did not want to specify their field.

3.1.4. The participants used languages

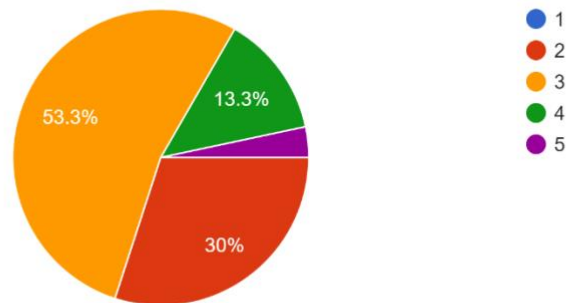how many languages do you use in your daily life ?
30 responses

Figure 2 The languages used by respondents

This multiple-choice question which is about the number of languages used in daily life shows that the majority of respondents (53.3%) use three languages, while 30% use two languages. Four respondents13.3%) use four languages, and one respondent (3.3%) uses five languages and no one chooses the first option which is one language.

3.1.5. *The languages used in Saida*

The most language used	The language users	Percentage
Arabic	21	70%
Berber	5	16.7%
French	0	0%
English	4	13.3%

Table 3. The languages used in Saida

The table above shows that the most common language was Arabic, given by 21 respondents (70%), who may use it as their native or dominant language. The second most common language was Berber, given by five respondents (16.7%), who may use it as their native or heritage language or as a marker of their ethnic identity. The third most common language was English, given by four respondents (13.3%), who may use it as a foreign or

second language or as a tool for education or work and lastly the French language no one chose it as his most used language.

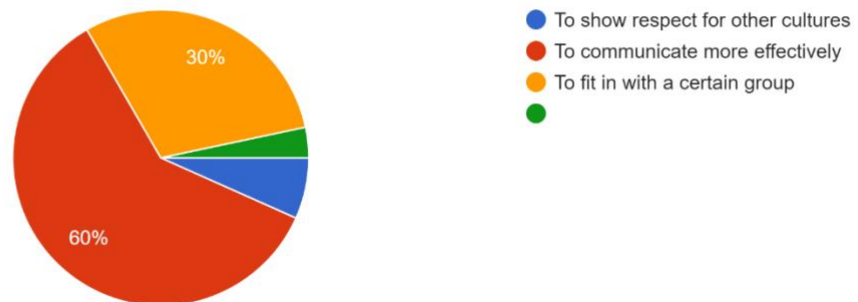### 3.1.6. The reasons behind code-switching

Figure 3The reasons behind code-switching

       The questionnaire also asked the participants why they code-switch. Out of 30 responses, the most common reason was to communicate more effectively, given by 18 respondents (60%), who may code-switch to avoid misunderstanding and clarify the meaning. The second most common reason was to fit with a certain group, given by nine respondents (30%), who may code-switch to show their affiliation or alignment with different social or cultural groups or norms. The third most common reason was to show respect for other cultures, given by two respondents (6.7%), who may code-switch to acknowledge or appreciate the diversity and value of different languages and cultures. The fourth most common reason was I don't know, given by one respondent (3.3%), who may code-switch unconsciously or without a clear purpose.

3.1.7. Code-Switching's Impact on Perceived Language

How do you think code-switching affects the way people perceive your language proficiency?
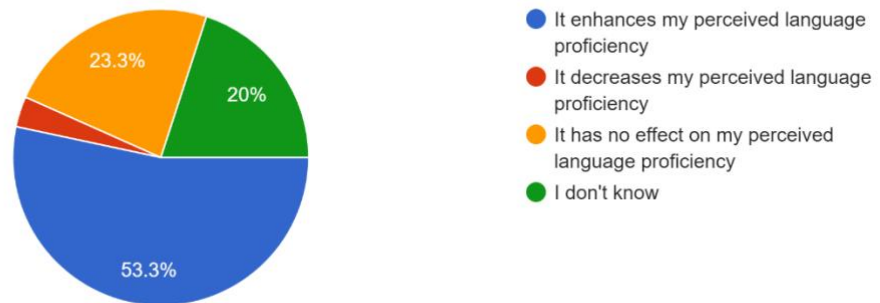30 responses

Figure: Code-Switching's Impact on Perceived Language Proficiency

The participants were asked about how they think code-switching affects the way people perceive their language proficiency. more than half of them (53.3%) said that code-switching enhances their perceived language proficiency. A smaller group (23.3%) said that code-switching has no effect on their perceived language proficiency, implying that they do not think it influences how others view their linguistic skills. Another group (20%) said that they do not know how code-switching affects their perceived language proficiency, indicating that they are unsure or unaware of its impact. Only one respondent (3.3%) said that code-switching decreases their perceived language proficiency, suggesting that they think it reflects negatively on their command of the languages involved.

3.1.8. Code-Switching Patterns: Arabic to French Usage in Daily Life

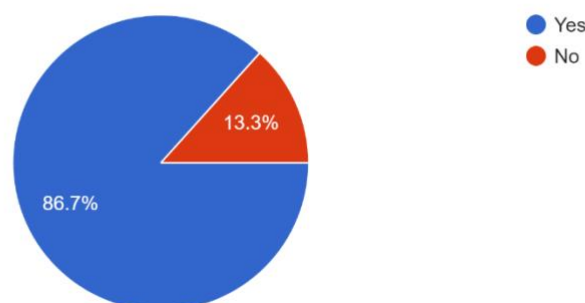Do you switch from Arabic to French in your daily life?
30 responses

Figure 4:Code-Switching Patterns: Arabic to French Usage in Daily Life

This is a Yes or No question about whether the participants switch from Arabic to French in their daily lives. The graph indicates that most respondents (86.7%) do switch from Arabic to French, and the minority (13.3%) said that they do not switch to the French language.

3.1.9. Multilingual Practices in Daily Life

Do you use other languages in your daily life ?
30 responses
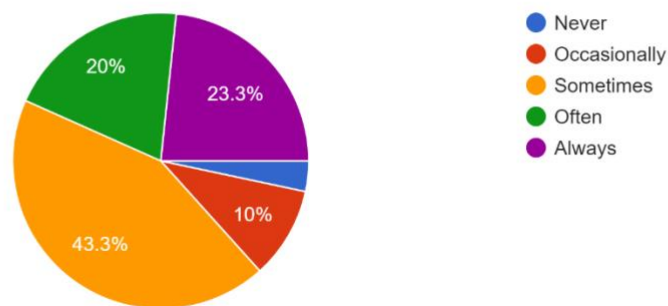
Figure 5:Multilingual Practices in Daily Life

The pie chart above represents how often the respondents use other languages in their daily life, the majority (86.7%) said that they use other languages at least sometimes, with 23.3% saying always, 20% saying often, and 43.3% saying sometimes. This shows that most of the participants are exposed to and engaged in multilingual contexts regularly. A smaller group (10%) said that they use other languages occasionally, meaning that they do so only in certain situations or with certain people. Only one respondent (3.3%) said that they never use other languages in their daily life, implying that they are monolingual or do not have opportunities to practice other languages.

3.1.10. The Participant's Feelings When Using Other Languages

How do you feel when using other languages instead of Arabic ?
30 responses
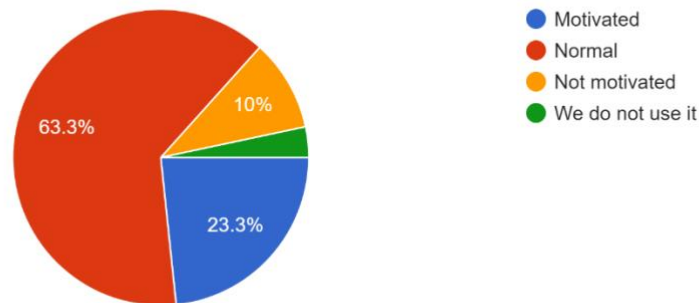
Figure 6 The Participant's Feeling When Using Other Languages

The questionnaire also asked the participants how they felt when using other languages instead of Arabic. The majority (63.3%) said that they feel normal when using other languages instead of Arabic, meaning that they do not experience any positive or negative emotions or attitudes. A smaller group (23.3%) said that they feel motivated when using other languages instead of Arabic, indicating that they enjoy learning and using other languages and see them as valuable and useful. Another group (10%) said that they feel not motivated when using other languages instead of Arabic and prefer to use Arabic only. Only one respondent (3.3%) said that he does not use other languages instead of Arabic, confirming that he is monolingual or does not have opportunities to practice other languages.

3.1.11. Assessing Multilingual Competence: Self-Rating

Rate yourself from 1-10 according to your level in using multiple languages

30 responses

Figure 6:Assessing Multilingual Competence: Self-Rating

The figure above reveals that out of 30 respondents, the average rating was 6.6, indicating that the participants have a moderate to high level of multilingualism. The lowest rating was 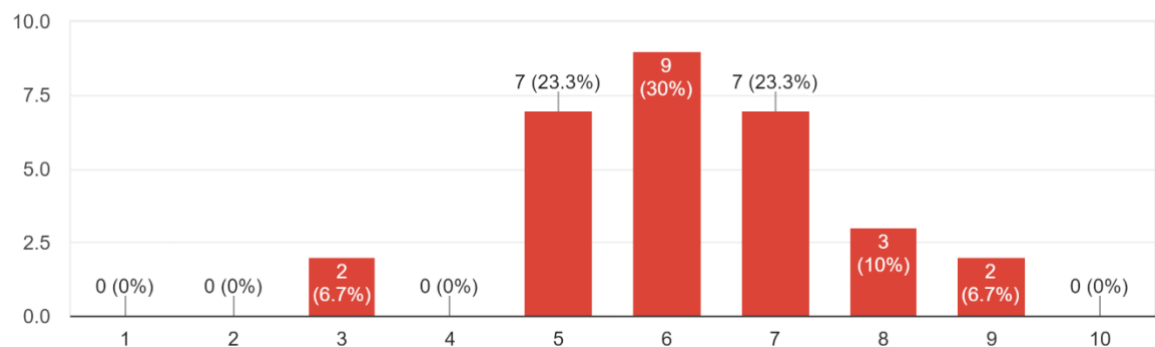3, given by two respondents (6.7%). The highest rating was 9, given by seven respondents (23.3%), who may have high confidence or proficiency in using multiple languages. The most common ratings were 5, 6, and 7, given by nine respondents each (30%), who may have a medium level of confidence or proficiency in using multiple languages.

3.1.12. The Main Reasons for Language Alternation

The participants were asked an open-ended question about their reasons for code-switching, the most common reason was to communicate with people who do not speak or understand their language or meaning. This reason was mentioned by 13 respondents (43.3%), who may use another language to avoid misunderstanding, clarify the meaning, or express themselves more. The second most common reason was for educational or academic purposes. This reason was mentioned by 10 respondents (33.3%), who may use another language for studying, completing tasks, or enhancing their linguistic skills. The third most common reason was to use a word that they did not know in their native or dominant language. This reason was mentioned by four respondents (13.3%), who may use another language to fill a lexical gap or switch to a more familiar term. The fourth most common reason was to prevent others from understanding them. This reason was mentioned by one respondent (3.3%), who may use

another language for privacy or secrecy. Only one respondent (3.3%) said that he or she does not use another language because he or she knows only Arabic.

2. Attitudes Towards Loan Words in Primary Language Usage

How do you feel about using loan words or phrases from other languages when speaking or writing in your primary language?
30 responses
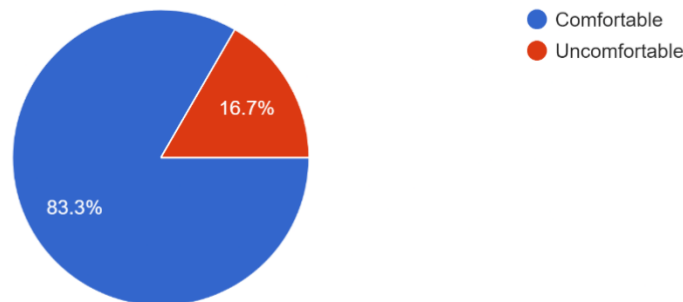
Figure 7:Attitudes Towards Loan Words in Primary Language Usage

This figure reveals that the majority (83.3%) said that they feel comfortable using loan words or phrases from other languages, meaning that they do not have any problem or difficulty with them. A minority (16.7%) said that they feel uncomfortable using loan words or phrases from other languages, implying that they have some issue or concern with them. The questionnaire did not ask for the reasons behind their feelings, but they may be related to factors such as familiarity, preference, identity, or accuracy.

3. Examining the Impact of Other Language Usage on Language Planning and Policy

Do you think that using other languages can affect the language planning and policy of the first language ?
30 responses
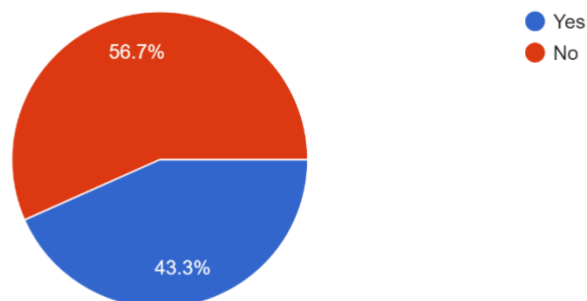
Figure 8:3. Examining the Impact of Other Language Usage on Language Planning and Policy

      The questionnaire also asked the participants whether they think that using other languages can affect the language planning and policy of the first language. Most answers (56.7%) said that they do not think that using other languages can affect the language planning and policy of the first language, meaning that they believe that their first language is stable and independent of other languages. A minority (43.3%) said that they do think that using other languages can affect the language planning and policy of the first language.

3.1.13. Factors Influencing Code-Switching

What are the factors that influence your code switching ?
28 responses
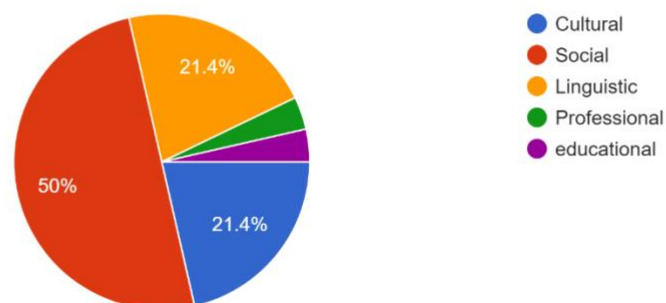
Figure 9:Factors Influencing Code-Switching

This question asked the participants what are the factors that influence their code-switching. Out of 30 responses, the most common factor was social, mentioned by 14 respondents (46.7%). The second most common factors were linguistic and cultural, each mentioned by six respondents (40%). The third most common factor was education, mentioned by two respondents (6.7%), who may code-switch for learning or teaching purposes. The fourth most common factor was professional, mentioned by one respondent (3.3%), who may code-switch for work or career reasons. One respondent (3.3%) did not answer this question, which may indicate that he or she does not code switch or does not know why he or she does so.

3.1.14. Exploring the Efficacy of Other Language Usage in Communication

Do you think using other languages is the best tool to fill the language gap while communicating with others?

30 responses
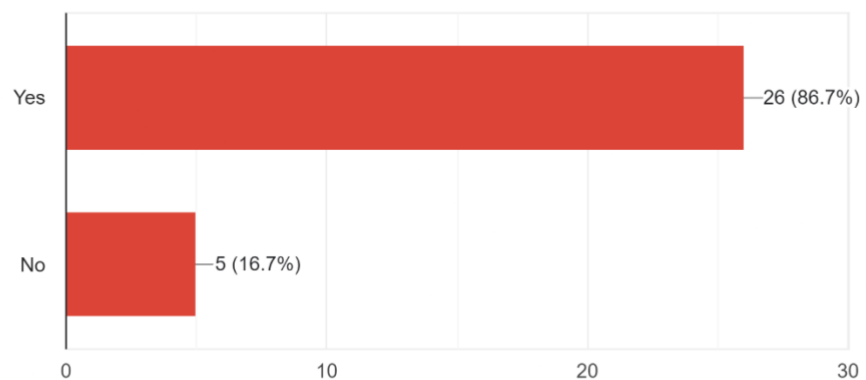
Figure 10:Exploring the Efficacy of Other Language Usage in Communication

The data presented in this figure provides that the majority (83.3%) said that they do think using other languages is the best tool to fill the language gap, meaning that they believe that switching to a different language can help them overcome communication barriers or difficulties. A minority (16.7%) said that they do not think using other languages is the best tool to fill the language gap, implying that they believe that there are other ways or strategies to deal with communication challenges or problems.

3.1.15. Code-Switching and Identity

The final question was open-ended which asked the participants in what ways they think code-switching affects their identity. Out of 30 responses, the most common answer was that code-switching does not affect their identity, given by 11 respondents (36.7%), who may believe that their identity is stable and independent of their language use. The second most common answer was that code-switching affects their social and/or cultural identity, given by nine respondents (30%), who may believe that their identity is dynamic and influenced by their language use. The third most common answer was that code-switching affects their communication skills, given by three respondents (10%). The fourth most common answer was that code-switching affects their linguistic identity, given by two respondents (6.7%), who may believe that their identity is linked to their knowledge and use of different languages. The fifth most common answer was that code-switching affects their mindset or personality, given by two respondents (6.7%), who may believe that their identity is shaped by their cognitive or emotional processes. The sixth most common answer was that code-switching affects their travels or trading, given by one respondent (3.3%), who may believe that their identity is connected to their mobility or economic activities. Two respondents (6.7%) did not answer this question clearly, which may indicate that they do not know how code-switch

3.2. The findings of the questionnaire

The findings of the questionnaire analysis on language attitudes and code-switching practices in the Saida speech community provide valuable insights into the multilingualism and language use of young adults in this community. The majority of the participants were male, and the average age was 23.4 years, indicating that the participants were young adults. The most common field of study was foreign languages, followed by science and technology, economics, and human sciences. The most commonly used language was Arabic, followed by Berber and English, while French was not commonly used.

The reasons for code-switching varied among the participants, with the most common reason being to communicate more effectively. This finding is consistent with previous research on code-switching, which has shown that code-switching can serve as a communication strategy to convey meaning more accurately and efficiently (Gumperz, 1982; Myers-Scotton, 1993). The impact of code-switching on perceived language proficiency was mostly positive, with more than half of the respondents stating that it enhances their perceived

language proficiency. This finding is also consistent with previous research, which has shown that code-switching can be a sign of linguistic competence and proficiency (Grosjean, 1982; Myers-Scotton, 1993).

The majority of the participants reported using other languages in their daily lives, with most of them feeling normal when doing so. This finding is consistent with previous research on multilingualism, which has shown that multilingual individuals often use multiple languages in their daily lives and feel comfortable doing so (Grosjean, 2010; Wei, 2018). The attitudes towards using loan words from other languages were mostly positive, with the majority of the respondents feeling comfortable using them. This finding is also consistent with previous research, which has shown that loan words and phrases from other languages are often used in multilingual contexts and can serve as a way to express cultural identity and diversity (Matras, 2009; Wei, 2018).

The factors influencing code-switching were mainly social, linguistic, and cultural, while the efficacy of other language usage in communication was generally perceived as high. This finding is consistent with previous research on code-switching, which has shown that social, linguistic, and cultural factors can influence code-switching practices (Myers-Scotton, 1993; Wei, 2018). The impact of code-switching on identity was varied, with some participants reporting no effect on their identity, while others reported that it affects their social and/or cultural identity. This finding is also consistent with previous research on code-switching, which has shown that code-switching can serve as a way to express social and cultural identity (Gumperz, 1982; Wei, 2018).

The findings of this study have implications for language planning and policy, as well as for understanding the role of language in shaping identity and communication practices. The fact that the most common field of study was foreign languages suggests that there is a high demand for language education and training in this community. Language planning and policy should take into account the multilingualism and language use of this community and promote language diversity and proficiency. The findings also highlight the importance of understanding the social, linguistic, and cultural factors that influence code-switching practices and the impact of code-switching on identity and communication practices.

In conclusion, the findings of the questionnaire analysis on language attitudes and code-switching practices in the Saida speech community provide valuable insights into the multilingualism and language use of young adults in this community. The findings are

consistent with previous research on code-switching and multilingualism and have implications for language planning and policy. Further research is needed to explore these issues in more depth and to develop effective strategies for promoting multilingualism and language diversity.

3.3. Interview analysis

1. How would you describe the language attitudes and perceptions towards code-switching among members of the Saida speech community?

Response 1: Most members of the Saida speech community view code-switching as a natural and helpful way to communicate, especially when they need to express something that cannot be easily conveyed in one language.

Response 2: Some members of the Saida speech community might perceive code-switching as a sign of linguistic insecurity or lack of proficiency in a particular language.

Response 3: In the Saida speech community, attitudes towards code-switching can vary depending on the context and the individuals involved. Some may see it as a useful tool, while others may view it as a barrier to maintaining language purity.

2. Can you provide examples of situations where you have observed code-switching in daily communication among members of the Saida speech community?

Response 1: I've observed code-switching in casual conversations among friends, especially when discussing topics that involve technical terms or concepts that are easier to express in another language.

Response 2: Code-switching often occurs in educational settings, where teachers and students may switch between languages to clarify concepts or provide explanations.

Response 3: In professional settings, I've noticed that code-switching can be used to accommodate the linguistic preferences of clients or colleagues, or to demonstrate one's linguistic versatility.

3. In your experience, what factors influence code-switching in daily communication among members of the Saida speech community?

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Response 1: Factors that influence code-switching include the speaker's language proficiency, the topic of conversation, and the social context in which the conversation takes place.

Response 2: Code-switching can be influenced by the need to express a specific idea or emotion that is better conveyed in one language over another.

Response 3: The presence of bilingual or multilingual individuals in a conversation can also encourage code-switching, as they may feel more comfortable switching between languages.

4. How do you think code-switching helps to fill language gaps in daily life for the Saida speech community?

Response 1: Code-switching allows speakers to draw from their entire linguistic repertoire, making it easier to express complex ideas or emotions that may be difficult to convey in a single language.

Response 2: Code-switching can help facilitate communication between speakers of different languages, as it allows them to switch to a common language when necessary.

Response 3: By code-switching, speakers can demonstrate their linguistic versatility and cultural awareness, which can help build rapport and foster understanding among members of the Saida speech community.

5. In your opinion, how does code-switching affect language identity and language maintenance among members of the Saida speech community?

Response 1: Code-switching can strengthen language identity by allowing speakers to showcase their linguistic abilities and cultural affiliations.

Response 2: On the other hand, code-switching may contribute to language attrition, as speakers may rely more on a dominant language and neglect the maintenance of their other languages.

Response 3: Code-switching can also lead to the development of mixed language varieties, which may be seen as a unique linguistic identity within the Saida speech community.

6. Can you share any examples of how code-switching is used by members of the Saida speech community to establish and maintain social identity and language affiliation?

Response 1: In social gatherings, members of the Saida speech community may code-switch to signal their belonging to a particular linguistic or cultural group.

Response 2: Code-switching can be used as a way to show solidarity with a specific community or to create a sense of shared identity among speakers of different languages.

Response 3: In some cases, code-switching may be employed as a form of linguistic resistance or to assert one's identity in the face of linguistic or cultural assimilation.

7. How do you think code-switching impacts language policy and language planning in the Saida speech community?

Response 1: Code-switching may challenge traditional language policies that promote monolingualism or the use of a single official language, as it highlights linguistic diversity and fluidity within the community.

Response 2: Language planning efforts may need to take code-switching into account, as it can influence language use and attitudes among members of the Saida speech community.

Response 3: Code-switching can also inform the development of educational materials and curricula that reflect the multilingual nature of the Saida speech community.

8. Based on your experience, do you agree with the hypothesis that members of the Saida speech community perceive code-switching as a helpful communication strategy for bridging language gaps in daily life? Why or why not?

Response 1: Yes, I agree with the hypothesis because code-switching allows speakers to draw from their entire linguistic repertoire, making it easier to express complex ideas or emotions that may be difficult to convey in a single language.

Response 2: While some members of the Saida speech community may find code-switching helpful, others may perceive it as a sign of linguistic insecurity or lack of proficiency in a particular language.

Response 3: I believe that the perception of code-switching as a helpful communication strategy varies among individuals and depends on the context in which it is used.

9. Do you believe that code-switching among members of the Saida speech community is influenced by a variety of social, cultural, and linguistic factors? Can you provide examples to support your answer?

Response 1: Yes, code-switching is influenced by various factors, such as the speaker's language proficiency, the topic of conversation, and the social context in which the conversation takes place.

Response 2: Code-switching can also be influenced by the need to express a specific idea or emotion that is better conveyed in one language over another.

Response 3: The presence of bilingual or multilingual individuals in a conversation can encourage code-switching, as they may feel more comfortable switching between languages.

10. In your opinion, is code-switching a complex phenomenon that can affect language policies and planning of other languages? If so, how?

Response 1: Yes, code-switching is a complex phenomenon that can challenge traditional language policies and planning efforts, as it highlights the linguistic diversity and fluidity within a community.

Response 2: Code-switching can inform the development of educational materials and curricula that reflect the multilingual nature of a community, which may have implications for language policies and planning.

Response 3: The widespread use of code-switching may also lead to the emergence of mixed language varieties, which can further complicate language policies and planning efforts.

3.4. Interpretation of Responses

1. Language attitudes and perceptions towards code-switching:

The responses indicate that attitudes and perceptions towards code-switching in the Saida speech community are varied. While some view it as a helpful communication tool, others may perceive it as a sign of linguistic insecurity. The context and individuals involved in the conversation also play a role in shaping these attitudes.

2. Examples of code-switching in daily communication:

Code-switching is observed in various situations, including casual conversations, educational settings, and professional environments. This suggests that code-switching is a common and versatile communication strategy in the Saida speech community.

3. Factors influencing code-switching:

The responses highlight several factors that influence code-switching, such as language proficiency, topic of conversation, social context, and the presence of bilingual or multilingual individuals. This indicates that code-switching is a complex phenomenon influenced by a range of social, cultural, and linguistic factors.

4. Fulfilling language gaps:

Code-switching appears to help fill language gaps by allowing speakers to draw from their entire linguistic repertoire, facilitating communication between speakers of different languages, and demonstrating linguistic versatility and cultural awareness.

5. Effects on language identity and maintenance:

The responses suggest that code-switching can have both positive and negative effects on language identity and maintenance. While it can strengthen language identity and create a sense of shared identity, it may also contribute to language attrition or the development of mixed language varieties.

6. Establishing and maintaining social identity and language affiliation:

Code-switching is used by members of the Saida speech community to signal belonging to a particular linguistic or cultural group, show solidarity, and resist linguistic or cultural assimilation. This demonstrates the social and cultural significance of code-switching in the community.

7. Impacts on language policy and planning:

Code-switching can challenge traditional language policies and planning efforts by highlighting linguistic diversity and fluidity. It may also inform the development of educational materials and curricula that reflect the multilingual nature of the community and lead to the emergence of mixed language varieties.

8. Perception of code-switching as a helpful communication strategy:

The perception of code-switching as a helpful communication strategy varies among individuals and depends on the context in which it is used. Some may find it helpful, while others may view it as a sign of linguistic insecurity.

9. Influence of social, cultural, and linguistic factors:

The responses confirm that code-switching is influenced by a variety of social, cultural, and linguistic factors, making it a complex and multifaceted phenomenon.

10. Code-switching as a complex phenomenon affecting language policies and planning:

The responses suggest that code-switching is a complex phenomenon that can affect language policies and planning by challenging traditional approaches, informing the development of educational materials, and leading to the emergence of mixed language varieties.

3.5. Interview Discussion

The interview responses provide valuable insights into the role of code-switching in the Saida speech community. The findings indicate that code-switching is a common and versatile communication strategy used in various situations, such as casual conversations, educational settings, and professional environments. This suggests that code-switching plays a significant role in the daily lives of the Saida speech community members.

The use of code-switching in the Saida speech community is consistent with previous research on multilingual communities. Code-switching is a common communication strategy in multilingual communities, where speakers draw on their linguistic repertoire to convey meaning and establish social identity (Gumperz, 1982; Heller, 1988). Code-switching has been described as a "natural and normal" aspect of multilingual communication (Auer, 1998, p. 1).

The responses also highlight the complexity of code-switching, as it is influenced by a range of social, cultural, and linguistic factors. These factors include language proficiency, topic of conversation, social context, and the presence of bilingual or multilingual individuals. This complexity is further demonstrated by the varied attitudes and perceptions towards code-switching, which can range from viewing it as a helpful communication tool to perceiving it as a sign of linguistic insecurity.

The influence of social, cultural, and linguistic factors on code-switching is consistent with previous research on language choice and language use. Language choice is influenced by a range of social and cultural factors, such as identity, power, and ideology (Blommaert, 2010; Heller, 2011). Linguistic factors, such as language proficiency and language structure, also play a role in language choice and use (Grosjean, 1982; Myers-Scotton, 1993).

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Code-switching appears to help fill language gaps by allowing speakers to draw from their entire linguistic repertoire, facilitating communication between speakers of different languages, and demonstrating linguistic versatility and cultural awareness. This supports the hypothesis that members of the Saida speech community perceive code-switching as a helpful communication strategy for bridging language gaps in daily life.

The use of code-switching to fill language gaps is consistent with previous research on language contact and language mixing. Language contact occurs when speakers of different languages come into contact with each other, leading to the mixing of linguistic features and the emergence of new language varieties (Thomason & Kaufman, 1988). Code-switching is one way in which language contact and mixing can occur, as speakers draw on their linguistic repertoire to communicate in multilingual settings (Auer, 1998).

However, the effects of code-switching on language identity and maintenance are more nuanced. While code-switching can strengthen language identity and create a sense of shared identity, it may also contribute to language attrition or the development of mixed language varieties. This highlights the need for further research to better understand the implications of code-switching for language maintenance and identity in the Saida speech community.

The effects of code-switching on language identity and maintenance are consistent with previous research on language contact and language shift. Language shift occurs when speakers shift from using one language to another, often due to social, economic, or political factors (Fishman, 1991). Code-switching can be a sign of language shift, as speakers may rely more on a dominant language and neglect the maintenance of their other languages (Myers-Scotton, 1993).

The interview responses also suggest that code-switching has significant implications for language policy and planning. By challenging traditional language policies and planning efforts, code-switching highlights the importance of recognizing and accommodating linguistic diversity and fluidity. This may inform the development of educational materials and curricula that reflect the multilingual nature of the community and lead to the emergence of mixed language varieties.

The implications of code-switching for language policy and planning are consistent with previous research on language planning and language policy. Language planning involves deliberate efforts to influence language use and language attitudes, often to promote a particular language or language variety

(Kaplan & Baldauf, 1997). Language policy refers to the formal and informal rules and regulations that govern language use and language planning (Spolsky, 2004). Code-switching can challenge traditional language policies and planning efforts by highlighting linguistic diversity and fluidity and may require a more flexible and inclusive approach to language planning and policy.

In conclusion, the interview findings provide a rich understanding of the role and significance of code-switching in the Saida speech community. The responses highlight the complexity of code-switching as a communication strategy and its implications for language identity, maintenance, policy, and planning. Further research is needed to explore these implications in greater depth and to develop strategies for supporting and preserving the linguistic diversity of the Saida speech community.

3.6. Conclusion

In conclusion, the findings from both the questionnaire analysis and the interview discussions shed valuable light on the intricate dynamics of language attitudes, code-switching practices, and their implications within the Saida speech community. These insights provide a comprehensive understanding of the multilingualism and language use patterns among young adults in this community.

The research has revealed several key points of significance. Firstly, it is evident that code-switching is a common and versatile communication strategy in the Saida speech community, deployed in various contexts from casual conversations to formal settings. This underscores the vital role it plays in the daily lives of community members, facilitating effective communication and bridging linguistic gaps.

Moreover, the complexity of code-switching is highlighted, as it is influenced by a myriad of factors including language proficiency, topic of conversation, social context, and the presence of bilingual or multilingual individuals. The varied attitudes and perceptions towards code-switching, ranging from viewing it as a practical communication tool to seeing it as a reflection of linguistic insecurity, underscore the intricate interplay of social, cultural, and linguistic factors in language use.

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The research also indicates that code-switching fulfils language gaps by allowing individuals to draw upon their linguistic repertoire, thereby enhancing communication between speakers of different languages and showcasing linguistic versatility and cultural awareness. However, the effects of code-switching on language identity and maintenance are nuanced, with potential consequences for language attrition or the development of mixed language varieties.

Importantly, the implications of code-switching extend to language policy and planning, challenging traditional approaches by emphasizing the need to recognize and accommodate linguistic diversity and fluidity. This suggests the necessity of more flexible and inclusive language planning and policy measures to support the multilingual nature of the Saida speech community.

In summary, this research enriches our understanding of language dynamics in the Saida speech community, emphasizing the pivotal role of code-switching in communication and identity. These findings not only contribute to the academic discourse on multilingualism but also carry practical implications for language planning and policy, calling for a more comprehensive and adaptive approach to promote linguistic diversity and proficiency. Further investigations are warranted to delve deeper into these issues and develop targeted strategies for nurturing and preserving the linguistic richness of the Saida speech community.

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This dissertation has investigated the role of language attitudes and code-switching practices in Saida, Algeria, with a focus on their role in daily life communication patterns. The study aimed to explore the social, cultural, and linguistic factors that shape language attitudes and code-switching practices in the region and the meanings and messages conveyed through code-switching.

The study found that language attitudes and code-switching practices in Saida are influenced by a range of factors, including social identity, language proficiency, situational context, and communicative goals. Code-switching is used as a tool to bridge language gaps and express cultural identity, with Arabic, French, and Berber languages all serving important functions in different contexts. Language attitudes found to be closely tied to social and cultural identity and play an important role in defining linguistic boundaries and hierarchies.

The study highlights the complex and dynamic nature of language attitudes and code-switching in multilingual communities. The findings suggest that code-switching is an important strategy for negotiating linguistic diversity and that language attitudes are shaped by a range of social, cultural, and linguistic factors. The study also emphasizes the importance of promoting linguistic diversity and multilingualism in diverse linguistic contexts.

The implications of this study for language policy and planning are significant. The study highlights the need to promote linguistic diversity and multilingualism in regions such as Saida and to recognize the importance of language attitudes in shaping language use and code-switching practices. The study also emphasizes the need for further research on language attitudes and code-switching in multilingual communities.

General Conclusion

To gain a comprehensive understanding of language attitudes and code-switching practices within the Saida speech community, several recommendations are proposed. These recommendations aim to explore various aspects of code-switching, from its evolution over time to its impact on language maintenance, identity formation, and educational implications. Another area of exploration is the examination of potential age and generational differences in language attitudes and code-switching practices. Comparing the behavior and perceptions of young adults with those of older generations within the community can shed light on how these practices vary across different age groups.

Additionally, it is crucial to assess the impacts of code-switching on language maintenance and language vitality within the Saida speech community. Understanding whether code-switching contributes to language shift or serves as a means of preserving heritage languages can inform efforts to promote language diversity and preservation.

Considering the high demand for foreign language studies among young adults in the Saida speech community, it is important to investigate the educational implications. By exploring how educational institutions can tailor their language programs to meet the community's needs, we can support the development of effective language programs that promote language diversity.

Gender differences in language attitudes and code-switching practices should also be analyzed. By examining whether males and females in the community exhibit distinct patterns of code-switching and hold differing attitudes toward it, we can gain a comprehensive understanding of these behaviors.

Furthermore, studying language policy and planning strategies that accommodate multilingualism and code-switching practices in the Saida speech community is essential. This research can provide insights into how local authorities can effectively support linguistic diversity.

Code-switching's impact on social, cultural, and linguistic identity within the community should be explored in greater depth. By understanding how code-switching influences identity formation and whether it contributes to the emergence of new hybrid identities, we can gain a deeper understanding of the community's dynamics.

General Conclusion

To gain a comprehensive understanding of code-switching, it is recommended to investigate its practices in specific contexts such as media, social media, workplace, or family settings. Analyzing how code-switching functions differently in these environments and its impact on communication dynamics can provide valuable insights.

Conducting comparative studies with other multilingual communities can help identify commonalities and differences in language attitudes and code-switching practices. This comparative approach can provide valuable insights into broader multilingualism phenomena.

Advocating for educational initiatives that promote multilingualism and language diversity in the Saida speech community is crucial. Developing language programs and resources that align with the community's language use patterns can support the preservation and promotion of linguistic diversity.

Given the prevalence of digital communication, it is important to explore how code-switching manifests in online interactions within the Saida speech community. Analyzing how digital platforms impact language attitudes and practices can provide insights into the evolving nature of code-switching in the digital age.

Overall, this dissertation provides a comprehensive analysis of language attitudes and code-switching practices in Saida, Algeria, and contributes to our understanding of how language is used to communicate and negotiate social identities in diverse linguistic contexts. The study has important implications for language policy and planning and highlights the need to promote linguistic diversity and multilingualism in diverse linguistic contexts.

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Appendices

Appendix 1:

Language attitudes and code-switching

This questionnaire is designed to uncover language Attitudes and Code-switching -Fulfilling the Language Gap to Get Messages Across in Daily Life- in the Saida speech Community. Your participation in this confidential questionnaire is crucial in unravelling the complexities of language attitudes and code-switching, ultimately enhancing our understanding of multilingual communication dynamics in diverse cultural contexts. All the information gathered will be kept confidential and will only be used for our research paper. Please take your time and feel free to ask for more clarification.

Personal details

✓ Sexe

Male

Female

✓ How old are you?
✓ Which field are you studying in?

1.

Economics

2.

Foreign Language

3.

Human Sciences

4.

Science and Technology

5.

Other

✓ How many languages do you use in your daily life?

1

2

3

4

Other…

✓ What do you mostly use in your daily life?

Arabic

French

English

Berber

Other…

Language usage

✓ Why do you code-switch?

To show respect for other cultures

To communicate more effectively

To fit in with a certain group

Other…

✓ How do you think code-switching affects the way people perceive your language proficiency?

It enhances my perceived language proficiency

It decreases my perceived language proficiency

It does not affect my perceived language proficiency

I don't know

✓ Do you switch from Arabic to French in your daily life?

Yes

No

✓ Do you use other languages in your daily life?

Never

Occasionally

Sometimes

Often

Always

✓ How do you feel when using other languages instead of Arabic?

Motivated

Normal

Not Motivated

We do not use it

✓ Rate yourself from 1-10 according to your level in using multiple languages

Very bad

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

Excellent

The attitudes towards using code-switching

- ✓ What are the main reasons which lead you to use another language?
- ✓ How do you feel about using loan words or phrases from other languages when speaking or writing in your primary language?

Comfortable

Uncomfortable

- ✓ Do you think that using other languages can affect the language planning and policy of the first language?

Yes

No

- ✓ What are the factors that influence your code-switching?

Cultural

Social

Linguistic

Other…

- ✓ Do you think using other languages is the best tool to fill the language gap while communicating with others?

Yes

No

- ✓ In what ways do you think code-switching affects your identity?

Appendix2

1. How would you describe the language attitudes and perceptions towards code-switching among members of the Saida speech community?

2. Can you provide examples of situations where you have observed code-switching in daily communication among members of the Saida speech community?

3. In your experience, what factors influence code-switching in daily communication among members of the Saida speech community?

4. How do you think code-switching helps to fill language gaps in daily life for the Saida speech community?

5. In your opinion, how does code-switching affect language identity and language maintenance among members of the Saida speech community?

6. Can you share any examples of how code-switching is used by members of the Saida speech community to establish and maintain social identity and language affiliation?

7. How do you think code-switching impacts language policy and language planning in the Saida speech community?

8. Based on your experience, do you agree with the hypothesis that members of the Saida speech community perceive code-switching as a helpful communication strategy for bridging language gaps in daily life? Why or why not?

9. Do you believe that code-switching among members of the Saida speech community is influenced by a variety of social, cultural, and linguistic factors? Can you provide examples to support your answer?

10. In your opinion, is code-switching a complex phenomenon that can affect language policies and planning of other languages? If so, how?