Bilingualism: Are Sign Language Interpreters Bilinguals?

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I am an interpreter because I am a bilingual.

I am a bilingual because I am an interpreter.
Bilingualism Revisited

- the ability to comprehend and use two different languages
- language ability vs. language use
- individual bilingualism and societal bilingualism
- “bilinguals are those who use two or more languages in their everyday lives.” (Grosjean, 2010)
• Level of proficiency
• School experience
• Social experience
• Cultural behaviors
• Situations
• Flexibility
• Yes because....

• No because...
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