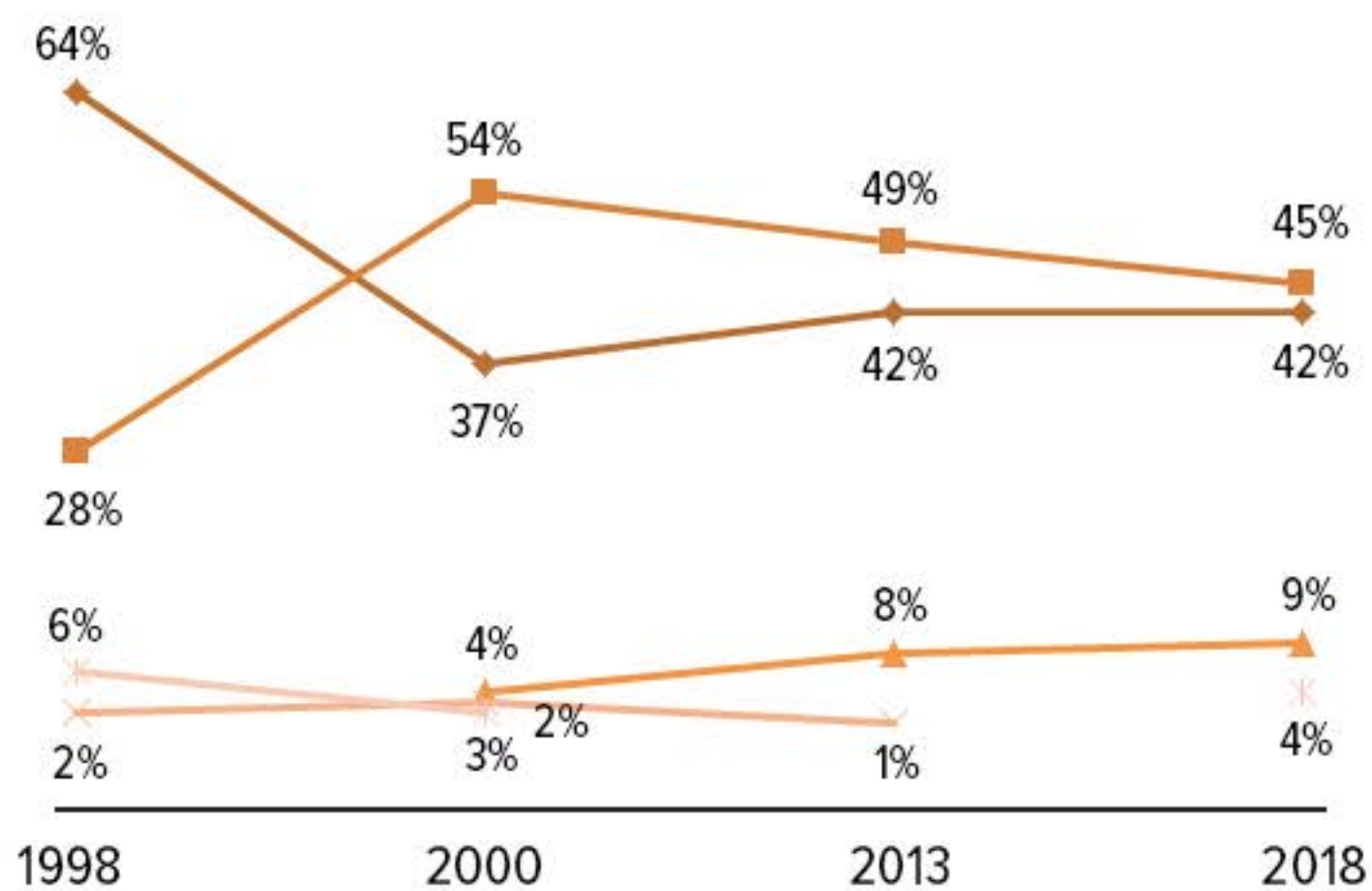
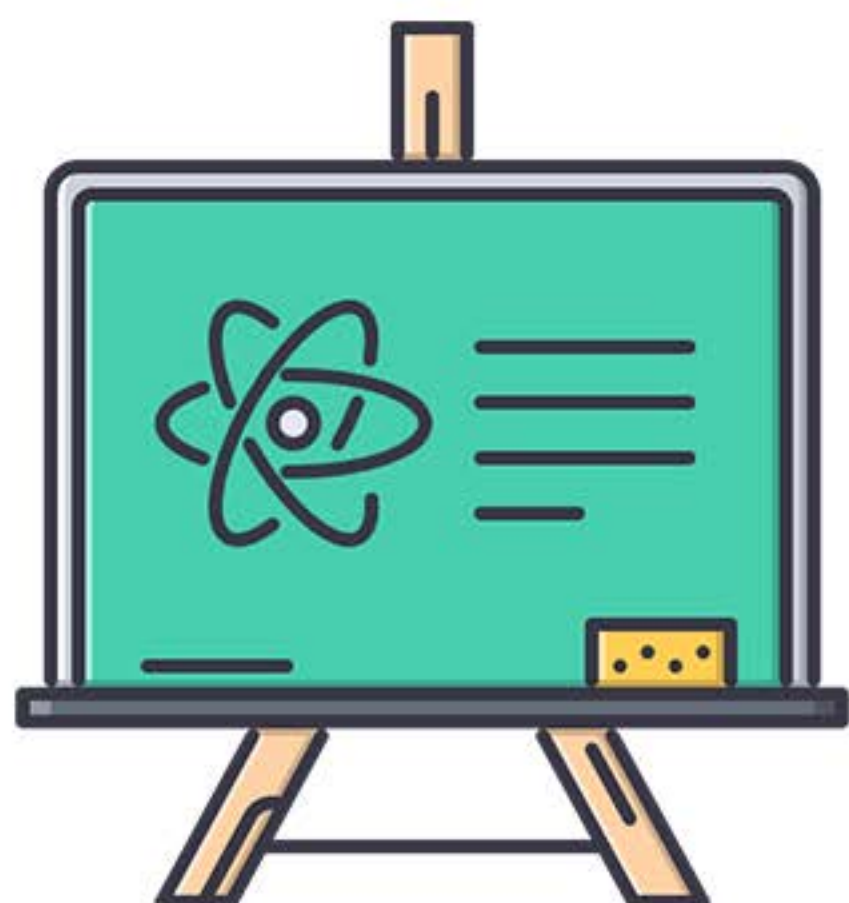


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According to a Gallup & Gilani Pakistan National Survey conducted in the year 1998 (20 years ago) respondents were asked, “What is your view as to what the medium of instruction for primary education (1st to 5th) should be?” In response to this question, 64% said Urdu, 28% said English, none said local languages while 6% did not know or did not wish to respond.

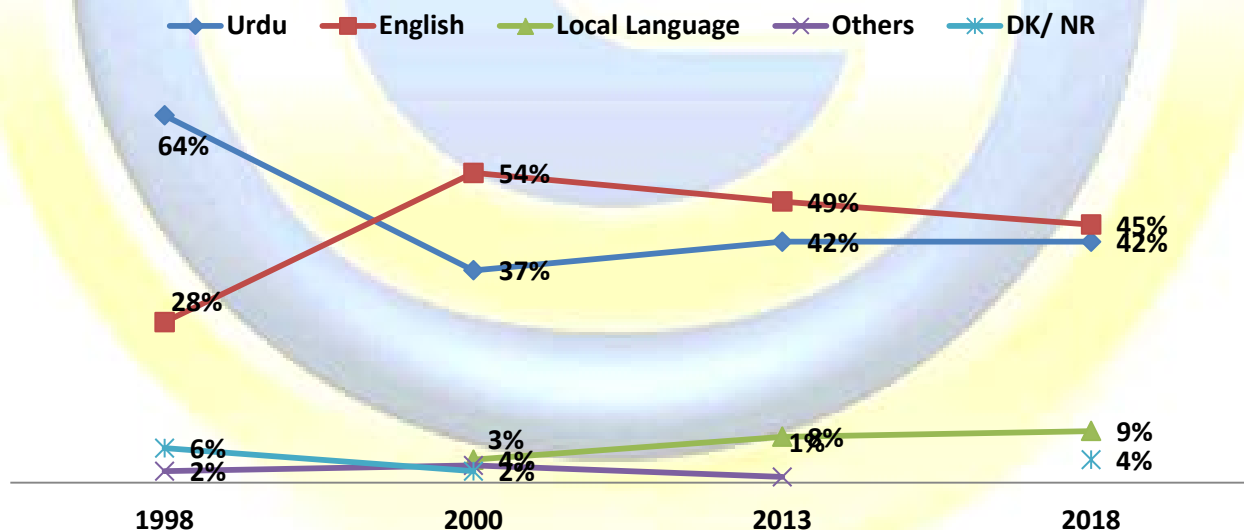
Comparative Picture: The question was asked again in 2018 to enable a concrete comparison. In 2018, 42% said Urdu and 45% said English, 9% said local languages while 4% did not know or did not wish to respond.

The findings are available since 1998 periodically and the graph below shows how the figures have fluctuated over the years.

According to public opinion, there has been a 17% increase in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe English should be the medium of instruction for primary education, and a 22% decrease in the proportion of Pakistanis who believe the medium of instruction for primary education should be Urdu.

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Question: “What is your view as to what the medium of instruction for primary education (1st to 5th) should be?”



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