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## DICTIONARY EXERCISE

### Listening Comprehension

Level: B-C



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A generation ago, only few parents would have **1** \_\_\_\_\_ that teaching their baby to read and write was a possibility. But over the past **2** \_\_\_\_\_ or so, many parents have become convinced that they should be preparing their children for a life-time of success by tutoring them from **3** \_\_\_\_\_ in reading, writing, math, science, computer skills, and the like. Educational books and **4** \_\_\_\_\_ offering advice on such matters as teaching babies to read and write, and even getting them to pass entrance tests for exclusive pre-schools have **5** \_\_\_\_\_. Do parents who follow all this advice end up with a smarter child? Although some educators think so, many are indisclusive. For instance, there is no **6** \_\_\_\_\_ that a child who learns to read and write surprisingly early goes on to experience more success than children who learn to read at a more normal age.