

Myth or Fact?

What are your thoughts and beliefs about children's cognitive development? Each of us has different opinions and ideas about what and how children learn best. Sometimes our opinions and beliefs are based on facts but sometimes they are not. To best serve all children, it's important that you recognize myth from fact. Label each of the statements as myth or fact and write a brief response explaining your answer. Share them with a supervisor, trainer, or coach. Then compare your answers to the suggested responses.

1. Learning to read is a natural process. **Myth** or **Fact**?

Answer:

2. Learning to read is closely tied to learning to talk and listen. **Myth** or **Fact**?

Answer:

3. If you can't spell, you can't write. **Myth** or **Fact**?

Answer:

4. You have to know what you are going to say before you begin writing. **Myth** or **Fact**?

Answer:

5. Kids hate to write. **Myth** or **Fact**?

Answer:

6. I wasn't good at math, so I can't help children learn it. **Myth** or **Fact**?

Answer:

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