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Talking with Kids Really Matters: Early Language Experience Shapes Later Life Chances

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Abstract

The foundation for lifelong literacy is built through a child's experience with language in the first five years. Integrating research from biological, psycholinguistic, and sociocultural perspectives, I will examine why millions of children fail to reach their developmental potential in the early years and enter school without a strong foundation for learning, resulting in enormous loss of human potential.