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SKILL: CONNECT TO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

Instructions: Before reading the book, answer "True" or "False" to each statement. After reading the book, answer the statements again and compare your answers.

True = I agree with the statement.False = I do not agree with the statement.

Before Reading	Topic: Success Stories	After Reading
	Gloria Estefan came to the United States because her family was in danger in Cuba.	
	Cuba is ruled by the dictator Fidel Castro.	
	Gloria Estefan is a world-famous singer.	
	Dikembe Mutombo is a star basketball player.	
	Mutombo was born in a poor neighborhood in the Congo.	
	Dikembe Mutombo planned to become a doctor.	
	Mutombo has donated over \$3 million to educate people in the Congo about the need for immunizations.	
	Albert Einstein was a genius.	
	Albert Einstein was not a good student in school.	
	Einstein left Germany to escape religious oppression.	

Instructions: Choose two of the people from the book. Compare and contrast them using the Venn diagram. On the back of the worksheet, compare and contrast yourself with one of the people in the book.

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Instructions: Follow the instructions in each section below.

- ▶ Underline the adverb in each sentence. Circle the verb it describes.
 - 1. He regularly led in blocked shots.
 - 2. What Dikembe really craved was a chance to win a championship.
 - 3. Mutombo finally had a chance to play on a winning team.
 - 4. Einstein eventually returned to Germany to work in a physics institute.
 - 5. Einstein strongly believed that every nation should give up nuclear weapons.
- ▶ Underline the adverbial phrase in each sentence. Circle the verb it describes.
 - 1. During those long years of caretaking, Gloria took refuge in singing and playing the guitar.
 - 2. After joining the team, Mutombo changed his academic goals.
 - 3. After several business failures, Einstein's family left Germany.
 - 4. For centuries before Einstein's time, scientists had disagreed about the nature of light.
 - 5. Yet despite these shortcomings, Einstein made enormous contributions to the scientific world.
- ▶ Write two sentences that contain adverbial phrases.

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Instructions: Write one sentence for each pair of homophones. You may use a dictionary to identify the meaning of each word, if needed. Use each homophone once in the sentence. You may add suffixes such as -ed, -s, or -ing to the homophones to help them fit in the sentence.

Example:	
(where/wear)	Where were you when I decided to wear that horrible outfit?
(eight/ate)	
(plane/plain)	
(in/inn)	
4 (flew/flu)	
(red/read)	
(cent/sent)	
(knew/new)	
(see/sea)	
① (their/there)	
(hair/hare)	