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Teaching Reading Is Rocket Science: What Expert Teachers of Reading Should Know and Be Able To Do

By Louisa C. Moats Reading is the fundamental skill upon which all formal education depends. Research now shows that a child who doesn't learn the reading basics early is unlikely to learn them at all. Any child who doesn't learn to read early and well will not easily master other skills and knowledge, and is unlikely to ever flourish in school or in life.

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