

PRACTICE

10. Przeczytaj pierwszą część artykułu i uzupełnij poprawną formę gramatyczną.

The issue of (**raise**) a bilingual child revolves around numerous myths that often discourage parents from exposing their children to multiple languages. The most common myth is that exposing babies to two languages (**lead**) to confusion, and cause subsequent speech delays. Instead of (**listen**) to tall stories, give your child the best head start in the global world.

Proponents often strive (**dispel**) certain misconceptions about language acquisition. It's a fallacy that a child will not be able to differentiate between two languages. Comprehensive studies (**indicate**) that the issue of confusion and speech delays is just a myth, as bilingual children reach their milestones within the same timeline, like their counterpart monolingual children. In fact, this (**come**) under intense scrutiny of psychologists to validate a theory that the bilingual children have a higher cognitive advantage above monolingual children.

Moreover, some parents don't hide their dismay at the fact that exposing a child to multiple languages might lead to speech delays. This myth is unfounded because the delay, if any, is only temporary and cannot be (**justify**) in language acquisition theories. As (**state**) by a number of advocates of bilingualism, it does not hinder the language acquisition process at all.

11. Przeczytaj drugą część tekstu i wstaw prawidłową formę poniższych słów.

Although bilingual children have a (**TEND**) to mix languages, the habit is only short-lived and (**HARM**), and it should not be interpreted as a scarcity of competency in input languages. Experts agree that mixing languages is (**AVOID**), but the habit fades away as the child gains vast vocabulary in both languages. Occasionally, the code switching aspect could be (**INTEND**), particularly, when parents also have a tendency to use different languages.

The decision about the appropriate time to introduce a child to a second language (**SOLE**) depends on the parent. You may decide to begin talking to your children in two languages right from birth. However, experts estimate the optimal time to be three years, as it is the peak time for learning a first language.

Ultimately, if a parent intends to raise a bilingual child, they should (**REGARD**) the myths as it is never too late, especially, if the child is under ten years. Important to note is that, a child's brain is like a sponge ready to absorb a new lingo by leaps and bounds with little effort and time.