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**Redshirting—Good Idea or Bad?**

1. **Read the following definition.**

**What does the term “redshirt” mean?**

<http://www.sportingcharts.com/dictionary/nfl/redshirt.aspx>

 Write what redshirting means in your own words:

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2. **Redshirting is a term that originated in college sports. Read the following about the benefits of Redshirting in College Sports:**

<http://www.iowastatedaily.com/sports/article_8743f6b4-50f1-11e1-8fa7-0019bb2963f4.html>

 Identify 2 reasons why redshirting as a student-athlete in college is beneficial:

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1. **Redshirting is now often used in academics, right before a child enters kindergarten. Read the following two articles, then complete the T-chart on the next page:**

Pros & Cons to Academic RedShirting

<https://www.imom.com/the-pros-and-cons-of-redshirting-your-kid/>

<http://www.newyorker.com/tech/elements/youngest-kid-smartest-kid>

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| **Benefits of Academic Redshirting** | **Cons of Academic Redshirting** |
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1. **Last step…answer the following open response question using a well-developed AEC paragraph.**

Do you think children should be academically redshirted in order to gain an advantage?