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Day One

Snitching for Money

Part 1: Silent read

➔ Should schools pay students to tattle? Read silently.

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// one minute

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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why do many people disagree with paying students to snitch?

What was the principal’s example of how rewards can work?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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