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Day Two

The Cheerleader Mom

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- Some parents become obsessed with sports
- who became obsessed with cheerleading
- She told him she wanted both Amber
- Police heard Wanda agree to give Harper \$2,500
- To leave my kids without a mother

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Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. Remember, a base word shows the core meaning of a longer word. The base word includes no word endings or prefixes. The first one has been done for you.

children

friendships

shocking

hidden

guilty

stunned



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Parents want the best for their children. They want good friendships. They want high grades. And many parents want their children to star in sports. Some parents become obsessed with sports. They forget that sports should be something kids do for fun. These parents scream at coaches and referees. They start fights with other parents. And sometimes, they do things that are even worse.

Wanda Holloway was a parent who became obsessed with cheerleading. Her daughter, Shanna, was 13 years old. Wanda wanted Shanna to make the school cheerleading squad. Another girl, Amber, was also trying out. Wanda was scared that Amber would make the squad instead of Shanna. So Wanda did something shocking.

Wanda spoke to a man named John Harper. She told him she wanted both Amber and Amber’s mother, Verna, killed.

But John Harper called the police, and the police set a trap. Harper met with Wanda wearing a hidden microphone. Police heard Wanda agree to give Harper \$2,500 to commit murder.

Wanda Holloway was arrested, tried, and found guilty. She was sentenced to 10 years in prison. Amber’s mother, Verna, was stunned. “I just want to ask her why, why would you do this,” she said. “To leave my kids without a mother? Why would a cheerleading spot be so important?”

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think Wanda Holloway was crazy? yes no

Why do you think this? _____

Check in with your partner. What does your partner think?

- My partner thinks Wanda Holloway was crazy.
- My partner thinks Wanda Holloway was not crazy.

What reasons does your partner give?

My partner said _____