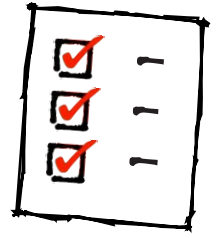


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Day Two

The Tragic Death of Trayvon Martin

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- What were the circumstances of this tragedy
 - claiming he'd acted in self-defense
 - Trayvon's parents advocated for their son
 - They shared profound concerns
 - regarding the police investigation
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Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. The first one is done for you.

racial

inequality

rainy

neighborhood

investigation

unarmed



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The Tragic Death of Trayvon Martin

Part 2: Last read

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“If I had a son, he would look like Trayvon,” said President Obama. Trayvon Martin, a Black unarmed teen, was shot in 2012. His death sparked an outcry throughout the nation about racial inequality. Millions of people protested. They demanded justice for the murdered teenager. 45

What were the circumstances of this tragedy? One rainy evening, Trayvon was heading home from a convenience store. Though he lived in Miami, Trayvon and his father were visiting his father’s fiancée in Sanford, Florida. Trayvon was wearing his hoodie. He was carrying an iced tea and Skittles. He was listening to music and talking with his girlfriend on his phone. George Zimmerman, a neighborhood-watch volunteer, spotted Trayvon. There had been a series of burglaries in the area. Upon seeing Trayvon, Zimmerman called the police. The police told Zimmerman not to follow the boy. Zimmerman ignored the police’s advice. After a short period of time, there was the sound of gunfire. 59
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When officers arrived at the scene, Trayvon was dead. Zimmerman, claiming he’d acted in self-defense, wasn’t arrested. Trayvon’s parents advocated for their son. They shared profound concerns regarding the police investigation. The case gained national attention. Following weeks of protests, Zimmerman was finally charged with murder. A jury found Zimmerman not guilty. 171
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“He was a very fun-loving, understanding young man with a beautiful smile,” Trayvon’s father said about his son. “He obeyed the laws of the land. He was our child and we’ll never be able to touch him again. That’s who Trayvon Martin was.” 225
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think George Zimmerman should have been found guilty of murder?

Why or why not?

Share ideas with your partner.

We agree about this

We disagree about this