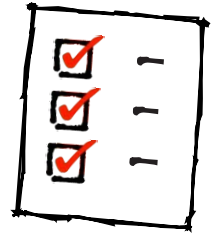


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Day Two

The Death of Tamir Rice

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- led to the moment when Tamir was killed
- wasn't communicated to the officers
- had a history of emotional instability
- to the police department's policy regarding use-of-force
- Somebody has to be held accountable

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Decoding practice:

Circle the two base words in the compounds below. The first one is done for you.

handgun

nearby

cellphone

plaything

lifelike

nobody



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Part 2: Last read

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“Shots fired, male down,” a police officer said into his radio. It was November, 2014 in a park in Cleveland, Ohio. “Black male, maybe 20... black handgun...”

However, the officer was wrong. It wasn't a Black man who the White officer had just shot. It was a twelve-year-old boy, Tamir Rice, who lived nearby. And it wasn't a handgun he had; it was a toy gun.

This tragic story began with a trade. Earlier in the day, Tamir had searched through his mother's drawer, looking for a plaything. He found a cellphone and brought it with him to the park. An older friend offered to take the phone to a store to have the service unlocked. Tamir was excited to borrow his friend's lifelike toy gun. He played around with it in the park.

What happened next? A series of upsetting events led to the moment when Tamir was killed. The 911 caller said that the gun was “probably fake.” He said the person holding it was “probably a juvenile.” This important information, however, wasn't communicated to the officers. One of the officers, Timothy Loehmann, had a history of emotional instability. The officers didn't pay attention to the police department's policy regarding use-of-force. Instead, Loehmann shot Tamir in the stomach from a few feet away. Neither officer performed first aid. Nobody took the dying boy's vital signs.

Tamir was considered a friendly child who loved pranks. His upset mother said, “Somebody has to be held accountable.”

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What do you think was the main reason why Officer Loehmann shot Tamir?

Share your ideas with your partner. Write your partner's ideas here.
