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Day Two

Safe Families, Safe Children

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- appeared in a *New York Times* article
- helps families avoid foster care
- that this approach not only helps heal families
- it saves taxpayers millions of dollars
- by the zeal of the families that cared for her children

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| <input type="checkbox"/> threatened | THREH tind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> volunteer | vol un TEER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> avoid | uh VOID |
| <input type="checkbox"/> taxpayers | TAKSS pay urz |



Decoding practice:

- Underline the vowel combo in the words below
- Write a long vowel sign $\bar{\quad}$ above the first vowel in the vowel combo
- Put a slash / through the second vowel in the vowel combo

Then read the word to your partner. Make the first vowel long (it says its name).
Make the second vowel silent. The first one has been done for you.

afra \bar{y} d

reeling

needed

train

cheap

boast

approach

zeal



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Janai was afraid. Her mind was reeling. Once again, her boyfriend had threatened her. She knew she needed to get away, but she had four children and no job. What could she do? Janai’s problems, and the group that helped her solve them, appeared in a *New York Times* article. 50

Janai placed a call to Safe Families for Children. Within a few hours, workers arrived at her home. They placed her children with volunteer families. Janai could visit her children whenever she wanted, and she could take them back whenever she was ready. 66
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Safe Families for Children helps families avoid foster care. All families have ups and downs. Sometimes, parents struggle to give their children the care that they need. Safe Families for Children steps in to help out. 107
121

Janai used the time away from her children to train for a better job and find a new apartment. Because the families that take in children are volunteers, the program is cheap. Safe Families for Children boasts that this approach not only helps heal families, it saves taxpayers millions of dollars in foster care costs. 147
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Janai was grateful for the chance to build a safe and stable life for her family. She was moved by the zeal of the families that cared for her children. “They showed real love, which is all you need,” she said. 202
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Can you see any problems with the work of Safe Families for Children?

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