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## Day One

# Children Raising Children

### Part 1: Silent read

→ What's it like to raise your younger brother or sister? Read silently.

Sometimes parents can't care for their children. A grandparent, aunt, or older brother or sister has to step in. It is great if all the people get along. It is hard when they don't get along.

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The courts can also ask family members to take over care for younger children. Almost 2 million children live with an aunt, cousin, brother, or sister.

Sometimes older children have to take care of their little brothers and sisters. This is not like babysitting. This is for the rest of their lives. Older children may not be ready to be parents. They may not like that they cannot have a life. The younger child may not show respect. This was Alex and Erica's story.

Alex's mother left with a new boyfriend. She did not return home for a long time. His older sister, Erica, took Alex in. It was a struggle. Erica tells her side of the story.

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### Part 2: First timed read

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What can be hard about raising your own younger brother or sister?

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How many children in the U.S. live with a brother or sister, aunt, or cousin?

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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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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.