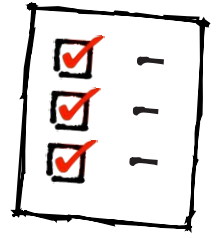


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Day Two

The Killing of Tamir Rice

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- who the White officer had just shot
 - A series of mistakes led to Tamir's death
 - Somehow this information wasn't given to the officers
 - The rule says police should always use less force
 - Somebody has to be held accountable
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- Tamir tuh | **MEER**
 - attention uh | **TEN** | chun
 - vital **VEYE** | tuhl
 - accountable uh | **KOWN** | tuh | buhl
 - stomach **STUM** | uk



Decoding practice:

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

nearby

handgun

cellphone

teenage

lifelike

somehow



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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

But the police officer was wrong. It wasn't a Black man who the White officer had just shot. 47
 It was a twelve-year-old boy, Tamir Rice. Tamir lived nearby. He wasn't holding a handgun. 62
 He was holding a toy gun. 68

This sad story began with a trade. Earlier in the day, Tamir searched through his mother's 84
 drawer. He found a cellphone. He brought the cellphone with him to the park. A teenage 100
 friend offered to take the phone to a store to have it fixed. Tamir was excited to borrow his 119
 friend's lifelike toy gun. Tamir played with it in the park. 130

What happened next? A series of mistakes led to Tamir's death. A man saw Tamir playing with 147
 the toy gun. The man called 911. He said the gun was “probably fake.” He said the person 165
 holding it was probably a child. Somehow this information wasn't given to the officers. Also, 180
 the officers didn't pay attention to an important rule. The rule says police should always use 196
 less force, if possible. Instead, the officer shot Tamir in the stomach. The officer was only 212
 a few feet away from Tamir. Nobody gave Tamir first aid. Neither officer took Tamir's vital 228
 signs. 229

People said Tamir was a friendly child who loved pranks. His upset mother said, “Somebody 244
 has to be held accountable.” 249

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

The passage says, “A series of mistakes led to Tamir's death.” Which mistake do you think was the biggest one? Why?

Share your ideas with your partner. Which mistake does your partner think was the biggest one?