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Day Two Kidnapped!

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- all being raised in foster care
 - to win back custody
 - that taking the children was a breach of trust
 - The foster mom quoted above
 - the director said sarcastically
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- Shanel shuh | **NELL**
 - Nephra **NEF** | rah
 - custody **KUS** | tuh | dee
 - counseling **KOWN** | sul | ing
 - security seh | **KYUR** | ih | tee
 - sarcastically sar | **KASS** | tik | lee



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.

raised

squealing

breach

deed

moat

heal



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

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Shanel and Nephra had eight children, all being raised in foster care. The couple was working hard to win back custody. They went to parenting classes and counseling. When they had visits with their children, they came on time and showered their children with love. One of the foster moms told *The New York Times* that Shanel was “a sweet person, a sweet woman.”

However, Shanel and Nephra badly wanted their family back together. One day, at a visit with their children at a foster care agency, they carried out a crazy plan. They snuck all eight children out a back door. They climbed into a large van and drove off, tires squealing. Police found the family a week later. The parents were charged with kidnapping.

Some people say that taking the children was a breach of trust. How can the state give custody back to the parents after such a reckless deed? Other people say they can understand. The foster mom quoted above said she understood Shanel’s feelings. “She just wants her kids,” she said.

Some people blamed the foster care agency. They said the agency should have had better security. But workers say this is unfair. The agency is a friendly place, with playgrounds and grass. “I guess we could put up bars and put up a moat,” the director said sarcastically to *The New York Times*. “We’re trying to heal families here.”

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think it was fair to charge Shanel and Nephra with kidnapping? Why do you feel this way?

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