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## Day Two

# Children Raising Children

## Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Sometimes parents can't care for their children
- Grandparents can adopt children who cannot live with their parents
- 4 million children under 18 live with a grandparent
- The courts can also ask family members
- older children have to take care of their little brothers and sisters
- The younger child may not show respect

- million                      **MIL** | yuhn
- struggle                      **STRUH** | guhl
- sibling                      **SIB** | ling
- problems                      **PROB** | lumz



### Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. Remember, a base word is a smaller word within a longer word, with no endings or other word parts added.

older

finally

younger

called

children

especially



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### Part 2: Last read

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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.

Grandparents can adopt children who cannot live with their parents. In the U.S., 4 million children under 18 live with a grandparent. 58

The courts can also ask family members to take over care for younger children. 72  
Almost 2 million children live with an aunt, cousin, brother, or sister. 84

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. 99  
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133  
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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. 159  
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"After our mother left, Alex came and stayed with me. My mother never called. My brother got angry all the time. He felt no one cared about him." 191  
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"It is hard raising a sibling, especially when he's 14, and I'm only 21. He still has a few problems listening. But finally things are getting better!" 223  
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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What advice would you give to a teenager who is living with an older sister?  
How could they get along well?

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Check with your partner. Would you give the same advice or different advice?

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