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Day Two

Running for Their Lives

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- violence is on the rise
- The New York Times* profiled San Pedro Sula
- or when their parents stand up to criminals
- officials are seeing the impact
- Many will suffer some kind of violence

- San Pedro Sula **SAN PAY** | droh **SOO** | lah
- Honduras hahn | **DOO** | rus
- neighborhoods **NAY** | bur | hoodz
- unaccompanied un | uh | **KUM** | pa | need
- Guatemala gwah | tuh | **MAH** | luh
- detained dih | **TAYND**



Decoding practice:

Circle the base word in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. Then underline the prefix that means “not.” The first one is done for you.

im moral

impossible

irrelevant

illegally



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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In Central America, violence is on the rise. Organized gangs fight each other for control of drug routes that lead from South America to the U.S. Even small children can be targets. *The New York Times* profiled San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Heartless, immoral gangs control whole neighborhoods. In San Pedro Sula, children can be killed when they refuse to join gangs or when their parents stand up to criminals. Everyday life becomes impossible. A mother told the *Times*, “The first thing we can think of is to send our children to the United States.”

At the U.S. border, officials are seeing the impact. Since 2012, there have been increasing numbers of children entering the U.S. on their own. The young people are called “unaccompanied minors.” Most come from countries like Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

What happens as these children travel to the U.S.? Many will suffer some kind of violence on the trip. They ride trains or hide in cars headed north. Often children carry the phone numbers for family living in the U.S. If they are lucky, they meet smugglers on the U.S. side of the border. They are taken to their relatives’ homes. But many are caught and detained.

Are the children refugees? Refugees have the right to stay in the U.S. because they face serious harm back home. Some people say the dangers children risk in their home countries are irrelevant. If they entered the U.S. illegally, they must be sent home.

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Social service and church groups collect supplies for kids who get detained at the U.S. border. What supplies would you send and why?

I would send

because

Share your answer with your partner. What would your partner send and why?

My partner would send

because

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