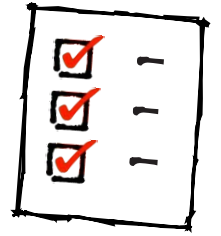


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Day Two

Keeping in Touch

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- The story detailed how soldiers in Iraq used technology
- Communication was not always simple
- phones and computers held great value for soldiers in Iraq
- The images helped them feel closer to family life
- You realized the world was still out there

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Decoding practice:

- Underline the vowel combo.
- Write a long vowel sign $\bar{\text{v}}$ on top of the first vowel in the combo
- Cross out the second vowel in the combo
- Say the word with your partner. Make the first vowel long (it says its name).
Make the second vowel silent.

The first one is done for you.

email

value

download

detailed

feeling



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Keeping in Touch

Part 2: Last read

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Marine Marcus Penn spent eight months in Iraq. He used email to keep in close contact with his family. In 2010, Penn was featured on *NBC News*. The story detailed how soldiers in Iraq used technology to stay in touch. “My wife still has my emails,” he said. “I sent 1,845 from the day I left to the day I got back.” 62

Communication was not always simple. Soldiers sometimes had to wait in line to use computers. Phone signals were not always strong. 76
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When they worked well, however, phones and computers held great value for soldiers in Iraq. Some servicemen and women posted on Facebook every day. Photo sharing websites like Picasa were also important. Soldiers could download pictures of their children doing everyday things. The images helped them feel closer to family life back at home. Penn commented, “You realized the world was still out there.” 97
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One father serving in Iraq connected to his daughter’s third grade class through Skype. Students were able to ask Macy Barker’s father questions. One student asked about the weather that day in Iraq. “Warm and getting hotter,” Macy’s dad reported. 161
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Even when soldiers could call home every day, however, some things went unsaid. Families didn’t always share bad news like job losses or children’s misbehavior. Soldiers didn’t always share stories about bombings and IED explosions. On both sides, worried thoughts and feelings were sometimes hidden behind jokes and light chitchat. 200
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think it would be good for soldiers to tell family members more details about the war? Why or why not?

Share your answer with your partner. Write down your partner’s opinion, too.