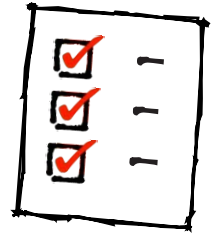


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The War Begins

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- such as nuclear and chemical weapons
- Could they breach our borders?
- Minority groups were suppressed
- most Americans were in favor of war
- Americans expected a quick victory

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| <input type="checkbox"/> chemical | KEM ih kuhl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> suppressed | suh PRESST |



Decoding practice:

Label the vowels in these longer words. Write a V above each vowel. Then write the number of syllables in that word. Then try clapping the syllables. The first one is done for you:

President ^{V V V} 3

terrorists _____

democratic _____

political _____

expected _____

El Salvador _____



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

WPM _____

On March 19, 2003, Americans turned on their televisions to watch President Bush. He gave a somber speech. The U.S. had decided to go to war with Iraq. Bush explained the goals. He wanted to “disarm Iraq, to free its people and to defend the world from grave danger.” 49

The U.S. worried that Iraq was becoming a threat to world peace. Iraq was led by a dictator: Saddam Hussein. Many people believed that he was hiding weapons of mass destruction, WMDs. WMDs, such as nuclear and chemical weapons, could do great damage. Could these weapons be used against the U.S.? Americans had seen terrorists attack our country on 9/11. What if Saddam gave poison gas or nuclear bombs to terrorists? Could they breach our borders? Were our cities safe? 66
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Another goal of the Iraq War was to free the Iraqi people. Saddam’s government killed and tortured people who spoke out against him. Minority groups were suppressed. Prisons were full of political prisoners. Most Americans thought Iraq would be better off with Saddam gone. We wanted Iraq to be a democratic state. In his speech, Bush told the U.S. military, “the hopes of an oppressed people now depend on you.” 145
157
171
188
200

In March 2003, most Americans were in favor of war. Thirty-five other countries, including South Korea and El Salvador, pledged to help. Americans expected a quick victory. But other voices warned that a long, difficult war was ahead. 214
227
239

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think it was a good idea to start the war in 2003? Why or why not?

Share your answer with your partner. Do you feel the same way about the war, or do you have different ideas?

- We feel the same way about the war
- We have different ideas