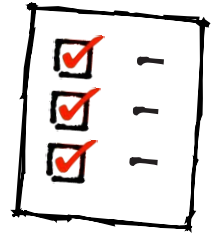


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Day Two

Eric Hali

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- his body and his mind were still hurting from the war
- His family searched for him day and night
- They have flashbacks to explosions or firefights
- began to lobby for better medical care
- People in power took notice

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Decoding practice:

- Underline the IGH pattern in the words below.
- Cross out the GH.
- Write a long vowel sign $\bar{\text{I}}$ over the letter I.
- Say the word with a long I sound (it says its name).

The first one is done for you.

$\bar{\text{I}}$
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firefight

nightmares

frightened

brighter



Day Two

Eric Hall

// one minute

Part 2: Last read

WPM _____

Eric Hall was a proud, tough Marine. He was out on a foot patrol in Iraq when an IED exploded, killing his friend and tearing through Eric’s leg.

Eric was flown to the Naval Hospital in Maryland, where he went through one painful operation after another. When he returned home, his body and his mind were still hurting 58
from the war. One day, he ran out of the house and never came back. His family searched 76
for him day and night. A few months later, they found Eric’s body. 89

Eric suffered from PTSD, or post-traumatic stress disorder. Almost a third of Iraq War 104
veterans suffer from PTSD or depression. They feel frightened and confused. They have 117
nightmares. They have flashbacks to explosions or firefights. They are thousands of miles 130
from the war zone, but they cannot leave the war behind. 141

As more Iraq War veterans came home, there were more and more stories like Eric’s. 156
Veterans and their families began to lobby for better medical care. People in power took 171
notice. A special meeting of the Black members of Congress was held in September 2009. 186
Representative Charles Rangel said, “Thousands of our veterans are falling through the 198
cracks.” 199

As the Hall family searched for Eric, many people helped. Some were veterans who 213
worked around the clock to find Eric, like he was a brother. Eric’s family wished Eric had 230
known these other veterans. For veterans with PTSD, getting the right kind of help and 245
connecting to other people can mean a brighter future. 254

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What do you think the government should do to help veterans with PTSD?

Share your answer with your partner. Did your partner have any new suggestions? List one here.
