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Day One

Grandparents Who Parent

Part 1: Silent read

→ Many grandparents are taking on a new role. Read silently.

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Sources: "More grandparents taking on a second round of parenting," *USA Today*, July 26, 2011.

"Still Grandma's little girl," *FosterClub.com*. October 5, 2008.



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// one minute

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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why is raising grandchildren sometimes hard?

How many children in the U.S. live with their grandparents?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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