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Tricky words

Some words can slow you down. They may have tricky spelling like **discipline**.

For example, we don't pronounce the letter "c" in the middle of **discipline**.

Your workbook will give you a guide to the harder words:

→ The word is broken into chunks. You read one chunk at a time.

discipline *dis ... uh ... plin*

→ Each chunk is spelled the way it sounds.

discipline dis | uh | plin

→ Capital letters show the chunk you stress.

discipline **DIS** | uh | plin



Day Two

Zero Tolerance

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

- Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.
- Put a check ✓ in each box as you read the word or phrase.

- Second grader Josh
- He pretended to threaten his classmates
- because of “zero tolerance” policies
- There is a racial gap
- Suspension has harmful outcomes
- “We can’t go from zero tolerance to zero discipline”

- Dontadrian don | **TAY** | dree | un
- tolerance **TOL** | ur | ents
- manage **MAN** | ij
- discipline **DIS** | uh | plin



Decoding:

Each word below has a base word. A base word is a word part that shows the core meaning. Circle the base word. The first one is done for you:

racial

threaten

misbehave

punishment

harmful



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

“Look, I made a gun!” shouted Josh. Second grader Josh was eating breakfast at school. He bit his Pop Tart into the shape of a gun. He pretended to threaten his classmates with his half-eaten Pop Tart. Josh was suspended for two days. 43

Fifteen-year-old Dontadrian posed for a picture holding up his thumb and two fingers. He says he was showing the number three. He wore number three on his football jersey. His assistant principal said he was making a gang sign. Dontadrian was suspended for five months. 55
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83
88

Both boys were suspended because of “zero tolerance” policies. Schools have to give harsh punishments for certain behaviors. Threatening with a gun means suspension or expulsion. Zero tolerance policies are supposed to protect students from school violence. But do they hurt more than they help? 100
111
122
133

Boys get suspended four times as often as girls do. Boys do misbehave more often. But they also face harsher punishments than girls, even for the same behaviors. There is a racial gap, too. Black students are twice as likely to be suspended as White students. Suspension has harmful outcomes. Students who are suspended are more likely to drop out of school. 148
161
177
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Some schools want to cut down the number of suspensions. But can teachers manage students’ behavior without suspending some students? One teacher said, “We can’t go from zero tolerance to zero discipline.” 208
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think zero tolerance is fair? Why or why not?

Check with your partner. What does your partner think?

- My partner thinks zero tolerance policies are fair.
- My partner thinks zero tolerance policies are not fair.