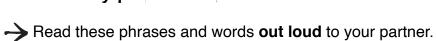
# Day Two Better Than Ever

## Part 1: Tricky phrases and words





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## **Decoding practice:**

Delaware

Circle the two base words in the compounds below. The first one is done for you.

**DEL** | uh | ware



standout

anywhere

burnout

powerhouse

faraway

overall

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Part 2: Last read

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From a young age, Elena Delle Donne was a standout basketball player. She could score from anywhere on the floor. She grabbed rebounds. She played tough defense. People said she was like LeBron James. College coaches began calling Elena when she was only in seventh grade. When she 48 finished high school in Delaware, she was the number one college draft pick. 61 Elena signed with UConn, a basketball powerhouse. They had won the NCAA 73 championship for five straight years. It was a perfect match—a great player on a great 89 team. 90 Or was it? Elena had always been very close to her family. At faraway UConn, she was 107 scared and lonely. She stayed at college for just two days. Then she went home. "I can't do 125 this," she told her parents. 130 Had Elena burned out? Burnout is a real risk for young stars like Elena. In an interview 147 with NCAA.com, she talked about walking away from the game. "I lost the love of the 163 game because it was taking me away from my family," she said. 175 191 Elena was not done with basketball. After a break, she returned to college ball at the 205 University of Delaware—a school closer to home. Elena Delle Donne was back! She became the top scorer in the NCAA. After college, she was the second overall pick in the 222

#### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

WNBA. The comeback was sweet.

Have you ever quit a sport or activity? Give your reasons.

Talk to your partner. Write down your partner's ideas.

WNBA draft. In her first season, she got the most All-Star votes of any player in the

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