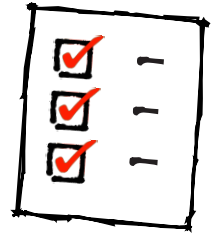


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## Day Two

# First in the Family

### Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- more than half of all high school students
- Do you see yourself at a large university
- students whose parents went to college
- are what people call Gen 1
- Gen 1s are the first in their families
  
- opportunities                      ah | pur | **TOO** | nih | teez
- university                            yoo | nih | **VUR** | sih | tee
- Generation                          jen | ur | **AY** | shun
- acceptance                          ak | **SEP** | tunss
- Sichun                                 **SICH** | wen
- encourage                            en | **KUR** | ij



### Decoding practice:

- Underline the vowel combo.
- Write a long vowel sign  $\bar{\text{~}}$  on top of the first vowel in the combo.
- Cross out the second vowel in the combo.
- Say the word with your partner. Make the first vowel long (it says its name).
- Make the second vowel silent.

The first one is done for you.

appe~~a~~<sup>ā</sup>l

goal

contain

speak

teachers

engineer



## Day Two

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# First in the Family

### Part 2: Last read

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Today, more than half of all high school students are headed to college. Most kids have heard that college can open up opportunities. But to find a college, where do you start?

Do you see yourself at a large university with big classes and football games? Or does a smaller school appeal to you? Do you want to be in the city or a suburb? 65

Students whose parents went to college often have a head start. Their families can guide them in finding a college. Millions of high school students, however, are what people call Gen 1. Gen 1 is short for Generation 1. Gen 1s are the first in their families to attend college. 79  
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112  
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Alex told his story on the website, *I'm First!* He moved from Mexico to California when he was 5. In Alex's town, making it through middle school was most kids' goal. 130  
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Alex said his parents and teachers always held him to a higher standard. But going away to college would be transforming. When he got the college acceptance letter, Alex said it was huge. His parents couldn't contain their excitement. Alex realized "it was like crossing another border." 161  
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When Sichun was a little girl, she moved from China to the U.S. Sichun's mom only went through middle school in China. She doesn't speak much English. "She could never help me with my homework," Sichun told *I'm First!* Helpful teachers offered support. Now Sichun is at Arizona State. She's studying to be an engineer. 209  
222  
235  
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Alex and Sichun are first in their families. They encourage other Gen 1s to follow them. 263  
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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What advice do you think Alex and Sichun would give to younger Gen 1 kids who are interested in college? Write what they might say.

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Share answers with your partner.  We did this.