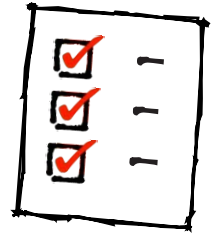


Name:

Day Two

Injured in Iraq

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- was on patrol outside Baghdad
- with a unique pattern of injuries
- It helped many soldiers survive deadly blasts
- Many survivors came home with brain injuries
- he got a role on the TV soap opera

- explosion ek | **SPLOH** | zhun
- Specialist **SPEH** | shuh | list
- shrapnel **SHRAP** | nal
- unique yoo | **NEEK**
- Martinez mar | **TEE** | nez
- unprotected un | pruh | **TEK** | tid
- limbs **LIMZ**



Decoding practice:

- Underline the vowel combo
- Write a long vowel sign $\bar{}$ 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.

w \bar{a} ited

Humvee

brain

explained

treatment

Monroe

continued



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

WPM _____

It was November 29, 2004. An American Humvee was on patrol outside Baghdad. *The New York Times* explained what happened next. Suddenly, an explosion rocked the Humvee. It was an IED. Specialist Daniel Swift was one of the soldiers inside the vehicle. Shrapnel flew into his right eye and both legs. Bleeding badly, he saw that another soldier was choking. He cleared the soldier’s airway, saving his life. They dug in and waited for help to appear.

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74
77

The IED was the most dangerous weapon of the Iraq War. IEDs left many veterans with a unique pattern of injuries. U.S. soldiers usually had body armor. This protected their chests and stomachs. It helped many soldiers survive deadly blasts. However, their faces, arms, and legs were unprotected. Many survivors came home with brain injuries, missing limbs, and burns.

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107
120
133
136

J.R. Martinez is an Iraq War veteran. As a 19-year-old soldier, he was trapped in a burning Humvee. Afterward, doctors worked hard to save him. After three years of treatment, one ear was gone, and his handsome face was covered with scars. In 2008, he got a role on the TV soap opera *All My Children*. He played veteran Brot Monroe. His burns reminded many Americans about the continued cost of the war. In 2010, Martinez spoke to the *Los Angeles Times* about his TV career. “I know what I’m here for,” he said. “I’m here for all the people who are fighting the war, who have scars inside and out.”

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167
183
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214
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

How would burn scars change your life?

Read your answer to your partner. What ideas can your partner add?
