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Day Two

Freedom University: Giving Undocumented Students a Chance

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- they have to pay out-of-state tuition
- According to Angel's mother
- "to have something to defend themselves with"
- It's designed for undocumented students
- how oppressed people throughout history
- He received a presidential scholarship

- tuition too | **ISH** | un
- Laura Emiko Soltis **LAW** | ruh em | **EE** | koh **SOHL** | tiss
- liberation lib | ur | **AY** | shun
- presidential prez | uh | **DEN** | shul
- Tougaloo **TOO** | guh | loo



Decoding practice:

- Underline the vowel combo.
- Write a long vowel sign "̄" 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.

t̄eachers

teenager

dreams

freedom

trained

three



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Part 2: Last read

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“I grew up listening to my teachers telling me—work hard, go to college.” Angel is an undocumented teenager. He went to school in Georgia. Angel took his teachers’ advice. He worked his “butt off” in high school. He got excellent grades. However, when it came time to apply to college, Angel had a problem.

In Georgia, there's a law. Undocumented kids can't go to the top state universities. At the other state schools, they have to pay out-of-state tuition. There's no federal funding either.

According to Angel’s mother, Angel “has very big dreams.” Angel’s mom wants her kids to have a better education than she had. She wants them “to have something to defend themselves with.”

Fortunately, there was a solution to Angel’s problem. Freedom University is an underground school. It’s designed for undocumented students like Angel. At Freedom University, students take classes that prepare them for college. But they also learn about social justice. They get trained how to be activists. They learn about how oppressed people throughout history have pushed back. “Education can be for liberation,” says Dr. Laura Emiko Soltis. She’s the school’s director.

“Freedom U. has really put me back in the fight,” Angel said. The good news is it’s a fight he won. Angel applied to college. He received a presidential scholarship to Tougaloo College in Mississippi! The scholarship will pay for Angel’s first three years there. “He wants to be someone in life,” Angel’s mom said. She spoke with pride.

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Would you want to attend a school like Freedom University? Why or why not?

Share your ideas with your partner. What does your partner think?

- We would both want to attend Freedom U.
- We both would NOT want to attend Freedom U.
- We have different ideas about this.