

Name:

Day One

Prepping for Success

Part 1: Silent read

➔ It's all about college for immigrant teens with roots in Bangladesh. Read silently.

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// one minute

Part 2: First timed read

WPM _____

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why do Nadeem and Tahmina study so much?

How does BAYA help immigrant teens prepare for college?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.