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Day Two

Teens in Foster Care

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- Something unexpected happened
- Juan made contact with Henry Greene
- a foster child's age is an important factor
- and find it difficult to trust new families
- as many as one in three foster children are teens

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Decoding practice:

We break words into syllables where we see two consonants in the middle of words.

- Underline the middle two consonants
- Draw a line between the two consonants
- Put a short vowel sign \checkmark over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

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Part 2: Last read

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When Juan was 7, his mother was sick with cancer. Juan was placed in foster care. Years passed, and Juan moved from family to family. He spent time in a group home. Then, he ran away and began staying with friends. Finally, at age 17, something unexpected 47 happened. Through a foster care worker, Juan made contact with Henry Greene, age 71. 61 Mr. Greene decided to adopt Juan. “I never thought I’d find a family,” Juan told *The New York Times*. 78 80

Juan’s story is unusual. When it comes to finding a family, a foster child’s age is an 97 important factor. Some foster parents contend that taking a teenager into the family is too 112 risky and too hard. One foster mom is candid about not wanting teens. “I would take 128 someone up to 11 or 12,” she told *The New York Times*. Some teens have spent years in 146 the system and find it difficult to trust new families and adapt to new homes. As a result, 164 as many as one in three foster children are teens. 174

Foster care workers are trying hard to combat this problem. In some states, investigators 188 track down relatives of foster children to try to find possible adoptive families. They hope 203 to find good matches between foster teens and caring adults, like Juan and Mr. Greene. 218 “He cares about me and talks to me like a father,” said Juan. “I feel like I finally got this.” 238

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think more families should think about adopting teens who need homes? Why?

What does your partner say?
