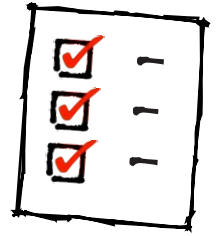


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Day Two

Foster Care: Staying Strong

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- Foster care is a state-run system of care for children
- Others have parents who cannot cope with raising a child
- the state prefers to place children with families
- The goal is to keep children safe
- In spite of these challenges

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- tough **TUF**
- challenges **CHAL** | in | jez



Decoding practice:

- Underline the vowel + consonant + e pattern in these words
- Write a long vowel sign $\bar{}$ above the middle vowel
- Put a slash / through the final e

Then read the word to your partner. Make the first vowel long (it says its name). Make the final e silent. The first one has been done for you.

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Foster Care: Staying Strong

Part 2: Last read

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Kelly remembers her mother singing her to sleep. Their favorite song was “Beautiful” by Christina Aguilera. The last time she saw her mother, Kelly was just five years old. Since then, she has lived in 12 different homes. Kelly is a foster child.

Foster care is a state-run system of care for children. Some children in foster care have	60
parents who are sick or have died. Others have parents who cannot cope with raising a	76
child. Kelly’s mom loved her. She wanted her daughter to have a better life. Hoping for	92
the best, she let Kelly go into foster care.	101

Sometimes children like Kelly live in group homes. In group homes, foster children are	115
cared for by child care workers. However, the state prefers to place children with families.	130
A foster family is a substitute family. Foster parents make sure children have enough	144
food, clean clothes, and medical care. They make sure children go to school. Most foster	159
children return to their birth families within two years. When they cannot return, the state	174
tries to find a family to adopt them. The goal is to keep children safe.	189

For many children, foster care is tough. They miss their birth families. They may blame	204
themselves for what happened. They may not really trust the foster family. In spite of	219
these challenges, Kelly has stayed strong. “Growing up in foster care, I learned to take	234
care of myself,” she says. “No matter what happened, I knew I was beautiful inside.”	249

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Before reading this, had you heard about foster care? What did you know?

Share your answer with your partner. What did your partner know?
