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Day One

Reporters Risked Their Lives

Part 1: Silent read

➔ Find out about reporters who lost their lives in the Iraq War. Read silently.

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Most of the reporters killed in Iraq were Iraqis. Some of them worked for Iraqi news groups. Others worked for international news groups like *CBS News*. On the ground in Iraq, reporters faced many dangers. They could get caught in active combat. They were targets for murder. They were also targets for kidnapping because some groups fighting in Iraq held reporters for ransom to get money. Because of the dangers, American TV and newspapers often used Iraqi reporters to gather the news.

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Part 2: First timed read

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232
250
252

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What were some dangers reporters faced in Iraq?

What country did most of the murdered reporters come from?

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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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