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Day Two

Alone at the Border

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- But Lorena fought hard
- She made a dangerous six-week trip
- How can they hand their children over to thugs?
- the route to the border was difficult
- Are the adults just irresponsible?

- Lorena loh | **RAY** | nuh
- El Salvador **EL SAL** | vuh | dor
- facilities fuh | **SIL** | uh | teez
- officials uh | **FIH** | shulz
- violence **VEYE** | uh | lens
- plagues **PLAYGZ**



Decoding practice:

Circle the base word in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. Then underline the prefix that means “not.” The first one is done for you.

illegally

impractical

irresponsible

unsafe



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Thirteen-year-old Lorena sits on her bed, doing homework. She pulls her dark hair back and smiles at the camera. She looks like any other teen. But Lorena fought hard to get to the U.S. She left her home and family in El Salvador. She made a dangerous six-week trip through Mexico and over the U.S. border.	47 57
The number of young people who enter the U.S. illegally keeps growing. On TV, we see young faces looking up at border officials. For most of these children and teens, the route to the border was difficult. It is impractical to carry much food, so most arrive hungry. Many suffered from violence. Each year, some die making the trip.	73 89 105 116
Parents pay smugglers to take the children over the border. Are the adults just irresponsible? How can they hand their children over to thugs? The answer lies in the poverty that plagues their home countries.	130 145 151
Like Lorena, many young immigrants come from poor areas of Central America. Food and jobs are scarce. Drug gangs own the streets. Parents feel that sending their children north is the best way to give them a future.	163 178 189
Some children will be caught at the border. They are kept for weeks in crowded holding facilities that are often dirty and unsafe. Finally, they are sent back to their home countries. Other kids will reach the U.S. on their own, and live as strangers in a new land.	205 221 238

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

If you became friends with Lorena, would you ask her about her journey to the U.S.? I would ask her about the journey. I wouldn't ask her.

Explain.

Check with your partner.

My partner would ask her about the journey. My partner wouldn't ask her.