

Name:

Day One

Hero or Traitor?

Part 1: Silent read

→ Can Celtics fans forgive Ray Allen? Read silently.

Boston fans were shocked when they heard the news. Ray Allen, the beloved Celtics basketball star, had chosen a new team. He turned down a \$12 million contract with the Celtics. Instead, he signed a smaller contract with Boston's archrival: the Miami Heat.

When Allen joined the Celtics in 2007, fans felt like he was coming home. He had played college ball at nearby UConn. Recognized as the greatest three-point shooter of all time, Allen could also play gritty, Celtics-style defense.

With Allen joining Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce on the team, the Celtics became unstoppable. In the first year of the "Big Three," the Celtics won the NBA championship.

As the years went on, Allen developed problems. He had painful injuries, and he began missing shots. The Celtics signed new, younger players, including the aggressive Avery Bradley. Allen spent more and more time on the bench.

When Allen moved to Miami, he took out a full-page ad in the *Boston Globe*. "I took great pride in calling Boston home. From my heart, THANK YOU Boston."

Still, some fans could not forgive him. "Ray walked away," one Celtics fan wrote on his blog. "Ray, you're nothing to me now."

Should Boston fans be grateful for the good years Allen gave the team? Or was his move to the Heat an act of betrayal? What do you think?



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// one minute

Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What did Ray Allen do that shocked Celtics fans?

What problems did Allen have in his last years with the Celtics?

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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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