Day Two Being Heard

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



Read these phrases and words out loud to your partner.				
	discovering the power of slam poetry			
	this helps poets speak from their hearts			
	you are a force to be reckoned with			
	To be successful in life			
	she must beat the odds			
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	reckoned	REK und		
	University	yoo nih VUR sih tee		
	Heights	HYTS		
	Bronx	BRONKS		



Decoding practice:

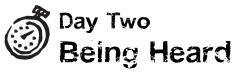
- · Find the vowels in these longer words
- Write a ∨ above each vowel
- · Count the vowels
- · Write the number of syllables in the word
- · Try clapping the syllables and say the word

The first one is done for you.

discover 3	confident	understand
University	documentary	successful
optimistic	empowering	

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Part 2: Last read WPM _____

Slam poetry can be strong. It lets people share their experiences. It gives people a chance	
to be heard. To Be Heard is the name of a documentary about teens discovering the power	
of slam poetry. It shows New York City teens in a program called Power Writing.	48
One of the teens, Pearl, told the <i>Daily News</i> that Power Writing helped her feel more	64
confident. "I realized, wow, I can stand on a stage and I can spit my truth," she said.	82
How does slam poetry work? Poets have just three minutes on stage. They use only their	98
voices and their bodies. Poets might chant or howl. To share a feeling, they might shake a	115
fist or shed a tear. They memorize the poem. Pearl said this helps poets speak from their	132
hearts. "When you're not reading off a piece of paper, you are a force to be reckoned	149
with," she said.	152
"You need your body for slam," Pearl went on. "You're saying, 'I'm not just saying	167
words—I have lived this life, and I want you to understand the journey I've been on."	184
Pearl is a student at University Heights High in the Bronx. She has seen bad things in her	202
daily life. To be successful in life, she must beat the odds. But Pearl is optimistic.	218
Teachers say slam poetry helps teens take control. One teacher told the <i>Daily News</i> ,	232
"When you find your voice, it's empowering to stand up and sing your own song."	247
Part 3: Comprehension and discussion	
Would you want to learn how to perform slam poetry? Why or why not?	
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Check in with your partner. What does your partner think?	
