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## 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
  
- experiences                      ek | **SPEER** | ee | en | sez
- reckoned                              **REK** | und
- University                            yoo | nih | **VUR** | sih | tee
- Heights                                **HYTS**
- Bronx                                    **BRONKS**



### Decoding practice:

- Find the vowels in these longer words
- Write a v 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 <sup>v v v</sup> 3                      confident \_\_\_\_\_                      understand \_\_\_\_\_

University \_\_\_\_\_                      documentary \_\_\_\_\_                      successful \_\_\_\_\_

optimistic \_\_\_\_\_                      empowering \_\_\_\_\_



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// one minute

## Part 2: Last read

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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 *Daily News* that Power Writing helped her feel more confident. “I realized, wow, I can stand on a stage and I can spit my truth,” she said. 64 82

How does slam poetry work? Poets have just three minutes on stage. They use only their voices and their bodies. Poets might chant or howl. To share a feeling, they might shake a fist or shed a tear. They memorize the poem. Pearl said this helps poets speak from their hearts. “When you’re not reading off a piece of paper, you are a force to be reckoned with,” she said. 98 115 132 149 152

“You need your body for slam,” Pearl went on. “You’re saying, ‘I’m not just saying words—I have lived this life, and I want you to understand the journey I’ve been on.’” 167 184

Pearl is a student at University Heights High in the Bronx. She has seen bad things in her daily life. To be successful in life, she must beat the odds. But Pearl is optimistic. 202 218

Teachers say slam poetry helps teens take control. One teacher told the *Daily News*, “When you find your voice, it’s empowering to stand up and sing your own song.” 232 247

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## 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?

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