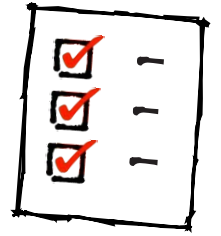


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Day Two

The Shooting of Tamir Rice

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- And it wasn't a handgun in his possession
- Tamir seemed thrilled by the novelty of the replica
- The 911 caller relayed that the gun was "probably fake"
- The officers didn't heed the policy regarding use-of-force
- Loehmann shot Tamir in the abdomen from close range

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Decoding practice:

Circle the two base words in the compounds below. The first one is done for you.

nearby

cellphone

plaything

heartbroken

lifelike

handgun



Day Two

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The Shooting of Tamir Rice

Part 2: Last read

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“Shots fired, male down,” a police officer broadcast into his radio. It was November, 2014 in a park in Cleveland, Ohio. “Black male, maybe 20... black handgun...”

However, the officer was tragically wrong. It wasn't a Black man who the White officer had just gunned down. It was a twelve-year-old boy, Tamir Rice, who lived nearby. And it wasn't a handgun in his possession; it was a realistic toy. 59 69

This tragic story began with a casual trade. Earlier, Tamir had rifled through his mother's bureau drawer, searching for a plaything. He'd found a cellphone and brought it outside to the park. An older friend offered to take the phone to a store to have the service unlocked. Tamir was eager to borrow his friend's lifelike toy gun until he returned. Tamir seemed thrilled by the novelty of the replica. He horsed around with it, striking poses. 84 99 117 132 146

What occurred next? A cascade of disturbing incidents led to the moment when Tamir took his final breath. The 911 caller relayed that the gun was “probably fake” and the person holding it was “probably a juvenile.” This crucial information, however, wasn't communicated to the officers. One of the officers, Timothy Loehmann, had a history of emotional instability. The officers didn't heed the policy regarding use-of-force. Instead, Loehmann shot Tamir in the abdomen from close range. Neither officer performed first aid or took the dying boy's vital signs. 161 177 189 204 217 232 234

Tamir was considered a lively, spirited child who adored pranks. His heartbroken mother said, “Somebody has to be held accountable.” 247 254

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

The passage says that Officer Loehmann “had a history of emotional instability.” If someone has a history like this, should they be allowed to keep their job? Why or why not?

Share ideas with your partner.

We agree about this

We disagree about this