

Name:

Day One

Hate Graffiti

Part 1: Silent read

➔ Learn about hateful messages against Jewish people. Read silently.

Brandi was shocked to experience hatred so close to home. Walking up to her apartment door, Brandi discovered graffiti covering the walls. Someone had written anti-Jewish messages and symbols of hate in black marker. Like many of the residents in her building, Brandi is Jewish. She said, "What freaked me out the most...that's right outside my door."

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However, many Jewish people live all over the world. Two percent of Americans are Jewish. Sadly, Jewish Americans still experience prejudice and violence. As many as half of all hate crimes in New York City are against Jewish people. These include graffiti, vandalism, physical attacks, and bomb threats.

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Source: "Swastikas, Anti-Semitic Graffiti Found Outside Jewish Woman's Manhattan Home," *NBC*, January 27, 2020.



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// one minute

Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What kinds of hate crimes do Jewish Americans still experience today?

Where did Brandi find anti-Jewish graffiti?

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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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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.