

Name:

Day One

The Brooklyn Nets

Part 1: Silent read

➔ Brooklyn has a pro basketball team. Read silently.

New York City has five boroughs. Manhattan and Brooklyn have the most people. The other boroughs are the Bronx, Queens, and Staten Island. Manhattan is the city's center. It has tall buildings, theatres, and big stores. You take a bridge or tunnel to get from Manhattan to Brooklyn.

Brooklyn doesn't have the glamour of Manhattan. But since 2012, it has had its own pro sports team. In 2012, the New Jersey Nets made a move. The team began to play at the new Barclays Center in Brooklyn. They became the Brooklyn Nets.

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Not everyone in Brooklyn is wearing black and white. Some support the Knicks, the other New York team. Director Spike Lee is a proud Brooklyn native. He goes to all the Knicks games. He can often be seen wearing Knicks colors, orange and blue. When the Nets moved to Brooklyn, *The New York Times* asked Spike if he would switch teams. Would he cheer for the Brooklyn Nets? "I am orange and blue, baby," he replied. "Orange and blue."

Source: "You can't shake the Knicks out of an utterly mad fan like Spike Lee," *The New York Times*, August 3, 2012.



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// one minute

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Part 2: First timed read

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199
214
229
244
247

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What big change happened with the Nets in 2012?

Does Brooklyn native Spike Lee cheer for the Brooklyn Nets?

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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.