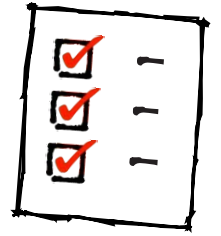


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Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Although Kelly separated from her husband
- While she was away defending her country
- Despite the fact that their mother was at war
- Kelly felt excited to be reunited with her children
- created an unstable environment for the children

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Decoding practice:

- Underline the vowel combo in the words below
- Write a long vowel sign $\bar{\quad}$ above the first vowel in the vowel combo
- Put a slash / through the second vowel in the vowel combo

Then read the word to your partner. Make the first vowel long (it says its name).
Make the second vowel silent. The first one has been done for you.

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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

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Kelly lives in Bull Shoals, Arkansas. She has two children, a son and a daughter. Although Kelly separated from her husband, she lived a happy life with her children, who visited their father every other week.

Kelly had to leave the U.S. to fight in the war in Afghanistan. While she was away	54
defending her country, her children lived with their father full-time. Kelly wrote her	68
children every day while she was in Afghanistan. They were always eager to get their	83
mother’s letters. Despite the fact that their mother was at war, the daily letters let the	99
children know she was thinking about them all the time.	109

With her service time ending, Kelly felt excited to be reunited with her children. Just	124
before she returned home, however, their father informed Kelly that he was going to	138
court. Having a mother in Afghanistan created an unstable environment for the children,	151
he claimed. He was seeking full custody, meaning the children would live with their	165
father full-time. “If you get called away to fight again, our children will be devastated,”	181
the father said.	184

Kelly worked hard to regain custody of her children. “You have to sacrifice so much to	200
serve your country,” she argued. “If I had known I would be asked to sacrifice my	216
children too, I would never have gone. I feel like my service was in vain.”	231

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What do you think? Was the dad right? Was it bad for children to live with a mother who might get sent off to fight again?

Write down your partner’s opinion.

We agree We disagree