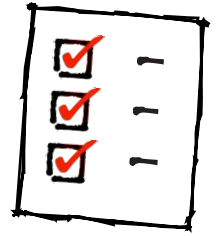


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Day Two

Aging Out

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- the hope is that children will return to their parents
- the state looks for another permanent family
- They can no longer expect support from the state
- Only 3 percent will graduate from college
- When I first stepped onto campus

- celebrate **SEL** | uh | brayt
- graduated **GRAD** | joo | ay | tid
- Sharde shar | **DAY**
- future **FYOO** | chur
- congratulate kon | **GRAT** | choo | layt



Decoding practice:

We break words into syllables where we see two consonants in the middle of words.

- Underline the middle two consonants
- Draw a line between the two consonants
- Put a short vowel sign [˘] over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

[˘] |
expect

compelled

contact

sibling

campus



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

WPM _____

For many people, turning 18 is a time to celebrate. Nicole was a foster child. For her, turning 18 meant something different. “I turned 18 a month before I graduated from high school,” she told Fosterclub.com. “The day after graduation, I was kicked out of my foster home, where I had been living for two years.” At 18, Nicole was homeless. 61

In foster care, the hope is that children will return to their parents before age 18. If this fails, the state looks for another permanent family. But some children remain in foster care until they turn 18 or, in some states, 21. Once they reach this age, foster children are compelled to find their own place to live. They can no longer expect support from the state. Many lose contact with their foster families. This is called “aging out.” 79
93
111
127
140

Foster children who age out face many risks. Only half will graduate from high school. Only 3 percent will graduate from college. One in five will become homeless. One in four will go to prison. 155
170
175

Even foster children who beat the odds struggle with aging out. When Sharde aged out of foster care, she was on her way to college. Her future was bright. Still, she felt alone. No parent or sibling came to visit her in college. No one told her good-bye. “When I first stepped onto campus, I wanted someone to congratulate me,” she wrote on Fosterclub.com. “I wanted someone to say that they would miss me!” Even young adults need families! 191
209
227
239
253
255

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What kinds of help should we give to foster children when they age out?

Share your answer with your partner. What does your partner think?
