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Tricky words

Some words can slow you down. They may have tricky spelling like psychologists.

For example, we say an **s** sound for the **ps** at the start of psychologists.

Your workbook will give you a guide to the harder words:

psychologists sye | **KOL** | uh | jists

→ The word is broken into chunks. You read one chunk at a time.

sye | kol | uh | jists

→ Each chunk is spelled the way it sounds.

psy = sye
like the word eye

→ Capital letters show the chunk you stress.

sye | **KOL** | uh | jists



Day Two

What's Your Birth Order?

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

- Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.
- Put a check ✓ in each box as you read the word or phrase.

- Psychologists say that your birth order
- What do first-borns have in common?
- They may be overly afraid of making mistakes
- when older children are expected to be responsible
- It's no surprise that some famous comedians

- psychologists sye | **KOL** | uh | jists
- personality per | sun | **AL** | ih | tee
- confidence **KON** | fih | dens
- comedians kuh | **MEE** | dee | enz
- definitely **DEF** | ih | nit | lee



Decoding practice:

Each word below has a base word. A base word is a word part that shows the core meaning. Circle the base word. The first one is done for you:

overly

oldest

personality

harder



Day Two

// one minute

What's Your Birth Order?

WPM _____

Part 2: Last read

Are you the baby of the family? Or the first-born? Are you a middle child? Were you born first, second, or later in your family? Psychologists say that your birth order can shape your personality.

Barack Obama was older in his family of two children. So was Yankees captain,	50
Derek Jeter. Beyoncé was also the oldest in her family. What do first-borns	64
have in common? Often they show confidence and a strong desire to be in charge.	79
On the flip side, first-borns can worry too much. They may be overly afraid of	95
making mistakes.	97

Different from first-borns, middle children don't begin life believing that they are	110
special. From the very start, middle children have to share and take turns. Like	124
President Kennedy and sports star Magic Johnson, middle children are often very	136
social. They can show special talent at bringing people together.	146

Youngest children have to try harder to get attention. They sometimes get away	159
with things when older children are expected to be responsible. It's no surprise	172
that some famous comedians were the youngest in their families. Cameron Diaz,	184
Stephen Colbert, and Whoopi Goldberg were all the babies of their families.	196
Telling jokes and acting silly got them noticed when they were growing up.	209

What about only children? Like first-borns, they grow up with extra attention.	222
They are more likely to attend college and earn more as adults.	234

Is birth order destiny? Definitely not. But family roles help to make us who we	249
are.	250

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is your birth order? _____

Do you think you fit or don't fit the picture of a first-born, a middle child, the youngest, or an only child?

- I fit the picture. I don't fit the picture.

Share answers with your partner!

- I read my answer to my partner.

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