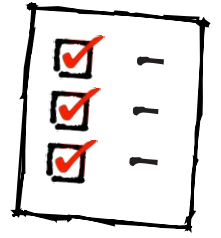


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Day Two

Spoken Word

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Poetry slams are not just about what a poem says
- on how a poem is performed
- The event featured five days of open mic competitions
- Rap originated in the 1970s
- performing lyrics over the beats of the music

- emphasis **EM** | fuh | sis
- Lounge **LOWNJ**
- featured **FEE** | churd
- originated uh | **RIJ** | ih | nay | tid
- lyrics **LIH** | riks
- eventually ih | **VEN** | choo | uh | lee



Decoding practice:

- Find the vowels in these longer words
- Write a v above each vowel
- Count the vowels
- Write the number of syllables in the word
- Try clapping the syllables and say the word

The first one is done for you.

contestants ^{v v v} 3 poetry _____ Massachusetts _____ created _____
attended _____ workshops _____ Decoded _____ respectable _____



Day Two Spoken Word

// one minute

Part 2: Last read

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In poetry slams, contestants must write and perform their own poetry. Poetry slams are not just about what a poem says. Slam puts the emphasis on how a poem is performed.

The National Poetry Slam is the largest performance poetry event in the world. One year, the National Poetry Slam was held at the Cantab Lounge, near Boston, Massachusetts. 59

The event featured five days of open mic competitions and performance workshops. Over 72

300 performers attended. At the end, the winner was a team called Slam Nuba from 87

Denver, Colorado. 89

Rap is a very different kind of spoken word poetry. Rap is performed in time to a musical 107

beat. Rap originated in the 1970s at house parties in New York City. At first, parties were 124

hosted by DJs who spun records. They created beats for people to dance to. DJs then 140

started free-styling, performing lyrics over the beats of the music. Eventually, popular 153

DJs began recording their own tracks. Rap music was born! 163

Jay-Z is a rapper who rose to fame in the late 1990s. In 2010, he wrote a book called 183

Decoded about growing up with rap in Brooklyn, New York. In an interview on *The* 198

Daily Show, he told why he wrote *Decoded*. “The basis of the book is that I care about 216

the culture and rap and it being a respectable form of art.” Jay-Z argues that the poetry in 235

rap is “trying to use words to find fresh angles into the emotions that we all share.” 252

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you agree with Jay-Z? Is rap poetry? Why or why not?

Read your answer to your partner. Listen to your partner’s ideas. Write down one good idea from your partner.

We agree We disagree