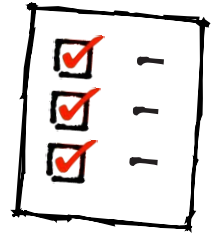


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Day Two

Paul Pierce Steps Up

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Paul Pierce knew that during the 2007-2008 season
- the team had never won an NBA championship
- Pierce had gained some extra weight
- he wanted to be ready to play great defense
- to build on-court chemistry

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Decoding practice:

Circle the base word in the adjectives and nouns below. Underline the suffix—the suffix comes after the base word. The first one is done for you.

offensive

involvement

impressive

joyful

connection



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Paul Pierce Steps Up

Part 2: Last read

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For many years, Paul Pierce was the best player on the Boston Celtics. He was a six-time NBA All-Star and often scored over 30 points a game. He was Boston’s biggest offensive threat. But during the 2007 off-season, the Celtics acquired two new players: Ray Allen 48 and Kevin Garnett. Paul Pierce knew that during the 2007–2008 season, things would be 63 different. 64

Pierce had played with Allen and Garnett in NBA All-Star games. In Pierce’s nine years 79 with the Celtics, the team had never won an NBA championship. With the new players’ 94 involvement, Pierce thought this might be the year. He wanted to be ready. 107

As a pro, Pierce had gained some extra weight. With Allen and Garnett to help out on 124 offense, he wanted to be ready to play great defense. He got into better shape. He got 141 slimmer and quicker. He came to Boston in the off-season for extra practices. He wanted 157 to make a connection with the two new Celtics, to build on-court chemistry. “With our 173 abilities, with our unselfishness and the way we play, it’s going to come together faster 188 than people think,” he said. 193

Pierce was right. The Celtics had an impressive season and won the NBA championship. 207 The final game, Game 6, was played in front of 18,000 joyful Celtics fans. Pierce was 223 named the NBA Finals’ Most Valuable Player. 230

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Team chemistry is players fitting together and liking each other. What can people on a team do if they want to build better chemistry? Write your ideas.

To build better chemistry, teammates can

Read your answer to your partner. Add an idea from your partner.

Teammates can also