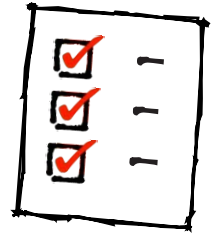


Name:

## Day Two

# Trayvon Martin: A Tragic End

## Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- His death sparked a nationwide outcry
  - regarding racial profiling
  - They demanded justice for the slain teenager
  - who advised him not to pursue the boy
  - Trayvon's parents advocated for their dead son
- 
- fiancée                      fee | **AHN** | say
  - vicinity                      vih | **SIN** | uh | tee
  - pursue                        pur | **SOO**
  - reverberated                rih | **VUR** | bur | ate | id
  - advocated                    AD | vuh | kay | tid
  - circumstances                SUR | kum | stan | siz
  - investigation                in | ves | tih | **GAY** | shun



### Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. The first one is done for you.

unarmed

finally

neighborhood

dispatcher

investigation

guilty



## Day Two

// one minute

# Trayvon Martin: A Tragic End

Part 2: Last read

WPM \_\_\_\_\_

“If I had a son, he would look like Trayvon,” said President Obama. Trayvon Martin, a Black unarmed teen, was shot in 2012. His death sparked a nationwide outcry regarding racial profiling. Millions of people protested. They demanded justice for the slain teenager. 43

What were the circumstances of this tragedy? One rainy evening, Trayvon was heading home from a convenience store. Though he lived in Miami, Trayvon and his father were visiting his father’s fiancée in Sanford, Florida. Trayvon was wearing his hoodie. He was carrying an iced tea and Skittles. He was listening to music and talking with his girlfriend on his phone. George Zimmerman, a neighborhood-watch volunteer, spotted Trayvon. There had been a rash of burglaries in the vicinity. Upon seeing Trayvon, Zimmerman alerted the Sanford police, who advised him not to pursue the boy. Zimmerman ignored the dispatcher’s counsel and trailed Trayvon. Shortly thereafter, the sound of gunfire reverberated throughout the area. 57  
73  
88  
105  
118  
131  
145  
156

When officers arrived at the scene, Trayvon was dead. Zimmerman, claiming he’d acted in self-defense, wasn’t arrested. Trayvon’s parents advocated for their dead son. They shared profound concerns regarding the police investigation. The case gained national attention. Following weeks of protests, Zimmerman was finally charged with murder. A jury found Zimmerman not guilty. 171  
184  
195  
208  
210

“He was a very fun-loving, understanding young man with a beautiful smile,” Trayvon’s father said about his son. “He obeyed the laws of the land. He was our child and we’ll never be able to touch him again. That’s who Trayvon Martin was.” 225  
245  
254

### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why do you think George Zimmerman shot Trayvon Martin?

---



---

Share your ideas with your partner. Write your partner’s ideas here.

---



---