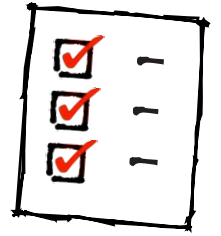


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Day Two

Wednesday's Child

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- The program focuses on kids in foster care
 - The show airs every week on network TV
 - People often prefer to adopt babies
 - The average adoption age is seven
 - live in separate foster homes
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- adoption uh | **DOP** | shun
 - focuses **FOH** | kuh | siz
 - interests **IN** | trists
 - usually **YOO** | zhoo | uh | lee
 - separate **SEP** | rit



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.

network

Boston

active

excel

concept

Victor

Brandon



Day Two

// one minute

Wednesday's Child

Part 2: Last read

WPM _____

“Wednesday’s Child” is a TV program on adoption. The program focuses on kids in foster care or group homes. The show helps older children looking for a family.

Jack Williams started “Wednesday’s Child” in 1981. The show airs every week on network TV. Today, it airs in cities from Boston to Los Angeles to Atlanta. 55

People often prefer to adopt babies or young children. The average adoption age is seven. 70
It is difficult to be adopted when you are older. The program shows the plus sides of 87
older children who need a family. It tells about their interests and strengths. 100

Amber is an active girl of 12. She lives in a group home. Group home workers take care 118
of the kids. It is not the same as living with your own family. Amber loves soccer and 136
basketball. She tries hard to do her homework. She usually gets passing grades. She does 151
not excel, however. She says, “Sometimes I don’t understand a hard problem or a new 166
concept. I wish I had a mom or dad to help me.” 178

Brothers Victor and Brandon live in separate foster homes. Victor is 13 and plays chess. 193
Brandon is 10 and draws his own comics. When they are together, they tell jokes and get 210
silly. The boys dream of being adopted together into the same family. 222

All of these teens share the same hope. They want a “forever family” to call their own. 239

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What can older kids bring to a family? How would you convince parents that adopting an older kid could be a good idea?

Share your answer with your partner. What ideas does your partner have?
