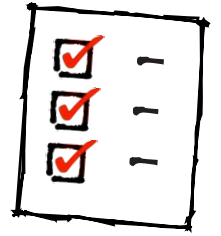


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Day Two

Group Homes: Good and Bad

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- Foster families are meant to give this love and care
- not all group homes are good ones
- Many group homes have had problems with abuse
- research shows that children who spend time in group homes
- But group homes should also offer more privacy

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discipline **DIH** | sih | plin

basics **BAY** | siks

privacy **PRY** | vuh | see



Decoding practice:

- Underline the vowel + consonant + e pattern in these words
- Write a long vowel sign $\bar{\quad}$ above the middle vowel
- Put a slash / through the final e

Then read the word to your partner. Make the first vowel long (it says its name).
Make the final e silent. The first one has been done for you.

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crave

spoke

crude

shame

abuse

gripe

stave



Day Two

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Group Homes: Good and Bad

Part 2: Last read

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Children crave the love and care of a family. However, some children can't live with their families. Foster families are meant to give this love and care. Older children may be hard to place. They may be waiting for a foster family. These children live in group homes. 48

Tray lived in a group home for six years. He spoke to the teen magazine, *LA Youth*, about his time in the home. Overall, Tray's experience was good. He says one special worker felt like family. "Late at night when I was feeling down, she would stay up and talk to me." 66
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Sadly, not all group homes are good ones. Many homes have too few workers. Care workers are badly paid. Their discipline may be crude. They may tease or shame children who act up. Many group homes have had problems with abuse. In fact, research shows that children who spend time in group homes have more problems as adults. 115
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Although Tray's experience was good, he had a few gripes. He wanted more choices and more privacy. He remembers getting in trouble for just fixing a snack. Group homes, he says, should let teens stave off hunger when they feel like it. "Let us take a shower when we want and eat when we're hungry," he told *LA Youth*. Experts agree. Most group homes provide the basics. But group homes should also offer more privacy and freedom. 173
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

How would you feel about living in a group home with other kids your age? Would you like this? Why or why not?

Share your answers with your partner. What is your partner's opinion about this?
