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Day Two

Vandalism

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- They smeared walls
 - Police estimate the damage they caused
 - Felonies can be punished
 - and there should be real consequences
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- building **BIL** | ding
 - vandalism **VAN** | duhl | izm
 - graffiti gruh | **FEE** | tee
 - felony **FEL** | uh | nee
 - consequences **KON** | sih | kwen | siz



Decoding practice:

Complete these words from the passage that start with a consonant blend.

sch _____ sm _____

sc _____ sh _____

sm _____ st _____

If you don't know the word already:

- a) Underline and say the single sounds in the blend.
- b) Say the sounds out loud as a blend.
- c) What sounds are in the rest of the word?
- d) Say and write the whole word.



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

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One night in Florida, two beams of light appeared in a dark school building. Soon, two boys began to scatter books and paper across classroom floors. They poured soda on the ground. They smeared walls. They flooded the science lab. Meanwhile, the school’s alarm company had called the police. Police spotted two teenagers outside in the schoolyard. After a chase, the boys were caught and arrested. They were charged with vandalism.

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Vandalism means destroying or damaging someone else’s property. Vandals might smash car windows, push over mailboxes, throw eggs, or set fires. They might scribble their names on a wall, or leave other graffiti.

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The two boys in Florida were 13 and 14 years old. Police estimate the damage they caused at about \$5,000. This was bad news for the boys. When vandals cause damage above \$400, they can be charged with a felony. Felonies can be punished by more than a year in prison.

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Sometimes vandals act on their own. More typically, however, vandalism is a group activity. Teens dare each other to do things they would not do on their own.

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Acts of vandalism can start small. But often, especially when a group is involved, the actions snowball. Some students in New York City broke into their school for a senior party. Soon, some students were trashing equipment. Others spray-painted the football field. All of the students were banned from their prom. Some people said the punishment was too light. “Vandalism is a crime,” said one parent, “and there should be real consequences.”

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you see the effects of vandalism in your community? How do you feel about it? _____

What does your partner think?
