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Day Two

The War Begins

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- The U.S. worried that Iraq was becoming a danger to world peace
- An added fear
- Americans had seen terrorists attack our country
- In going to war
- Many Americans felt Iraq would be better off

- declared dih | **KLAIRD**
- destruction dih | **STRUK** | shun
- nuclear **NOO** | klee | ur
- suppressed suh | **PRESST**
- Albania al | **BAY** | nee | uh
- Netherlands **NEH** | thur | landz
- Colombia kuh | **LUM** | bee | uh



Decoding practice:

Label the vowels in these longer words. Write a V above each vowel. Then write the number of syllables in that word. Then try clapping the syllables. The first one is done for you.

President ^{v v v} 3

government ____

dictator ____

terrorists ____

political ____

Albania ____

Netherlands ____

Colombia ____

difficult ____



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

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On March 19, 2003, many Americans turned on their televisions to watch President Bush. They learned that the United States had declared war against Iraq, a nation in the Middle East. Bush explained the goals. We want to “disarm Iraq, to free its people, and to defend the world.” He hoped “all those who serve will return safely and soon.” 60

The U.S. worried that Iraq was becoming a danger to world peace. Many believed that Iraq was hiding weapons of mass destruction, WMDs. WMDs, such as nuclear weapons, could do great damage. A major goal of the war was to stop Iraq from making WMDs. An added fear was that Iraq could give these weapons to terrorists. Americans had seen terrorists attack our country on September 11, 2001. 75
88
105
120
128

In going to war, President Bush said we would free the people of Iraq. Iraq had been ruled by a dictator, Saddam Hussein. Saddam’s government killed and tortured people who opposed him. Minority groups were suppressed. Prisons were full of political prisoners. Many Americans felt Iraq would be better off with Saddam gone. We wanted Iraq to be free to elect its leaders. 145
157
169
183
191

In March 2003, most Americans supported the war. Thirty-five other countries, including Albania, the Netherlands, and Colombia, pledged to help. Although Bush warned that the war could be longer and more difficult, many expected a quick victory. 203
214
229

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think it was a good idea to start the Iraq War in 2003? Why or why not?

Share the question and your answer with your partner. What is your partner’s opinion?

- It was a good idea to go into Iraq
- It was a bad idea to go into Iraq