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Day Two

Grandparents Who Parent

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- Sherena's grandmother shaped her life
- Across the country
- to help parents during a tough stage
- Years after their own children have grown
- My life has changed quite a bit

- Sherena shur | **EE** | nah
- tough **TUF**
- raising **RAY** | zing
- special **SPEH** | shul
- traditions truh | **DIH** | shunz



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.

role

cope

wade

brave

vibe

quite



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Part 2: Last read

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When Sherena was a year old, her mother died. Sherena moved in with her grandmother. Sherena’s grandmother shaped her life: the way she talks, the food she likes, and the kind of music she enjoys. “I am 22 with an old soul,” she wrote on FosterClub.com. The title of her piece was, “Still Grandma’s Little Girl.” 56

Across the country, almost five million children live with their grandparents. Sometimes grandparents take in children for a short time to help parents during a tough stage. Parents may have money trouble or health problems. Other times, grandparents end up raising the children for good. 68
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Raising grandchildren can be hard. Years after their own children have grown, grandparents must wade back into the world of parenting. They cope with diapers and naps. They deal with homework and teen dating. It takes a brave person and a lot of love. One grandmother told *USA Today* she was sad about losing the role of a grandparent. “I wanted to be Grandma,” she said. “You know, the kids come over and you treat them special.” 113
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Raising grandchildren can also be joyful. Grandparents pass on family stories. They share traditions. Grandchildren bring new energy and a young vibe into the grandparents’ home. 191
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Diane was a mom with teens still living at home. Then, she began raising two grandchildren, ages 2 and 3. “My life has changed quite a bit,” she told *USA Today*. “But I wouldn’t change it for the world.” 219
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Can you think of some other good things about living with grandparents?

Check with your partner. What good things can your partner think of?
