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Day Two

Staying Connected

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Marine Marcus Penn saw new pictures of his infant daughter
- Specialist Kevin Groll was part of Thanksgiving dinner
- Staff Sergeant Thomas Davidick Jr. saw his newborn son for the first time
- The new technology had a positive impact on soldiers' morale
- what it was like to fight in Iraq

- Sergeant **SAR** | jent
- Skype **SKYP**
- technology tek | **NOL** | uh | jee
- experiences ek | **SPEER** | ee | en | sez
- morale mor | **AL**
- sensitive **SEN** | sih | tiv



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.

[˘]in|fant

webcam

contact

impact

pictures

members



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

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Marine Marcus Penn saw new pictures of his infant daughter on a photo-sharing website. Specialist Kevin Groll was part of Thanksgiving dinner via a webcam placed at the family table. Staff Sergeant Thomas Davidick Jr. saw his newborn son for the first time in an online video. What did these three men have in common? They were all serving in Iraq. 61
62

Through email, cell phones, Skype, and Facebook, soldiers in Iraq stayed in close contact with loved ones. Some sent emails or chatted online every day. A soldier could be in a firefight in the morning and text his girlfriend about it over lunch. 76
93
105

The new technology had a positive impact on soldiers' morale. Marcus Penn said that older soldiers were amazed. "They'd say, 'When I was in Desert Storm, we didn't have email. I went for a month and a half without talking to my family,'" Penn said when he was on the *Today Show*. Younger soldiers told the older soldiers that times had changed. We'd say, 'Welcome to the 21st century,'" Penn remembered. 119
134
152
167
176

Some soldiers wrote blogs about their Iraq experiences. They were called "milblogs," short for military blogs. Milblogs told day by day what it was like to fight in Iraq. Readers could follow the war from a soldier's point of view. 188
205
216

The military tells service members what they can and cannot share. If they say too much, soldiers may face punishment. In some cases, soldiers' blogs were shut down because they gave sensitive or secret information. 232
245
251

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

When soldiers write blogs about their experiences, the military can shut them down. Do you feel soldiers should be free to write whatever they want, even during wartime?

Share your answer with your partner. What does your partner think?