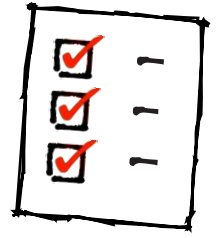


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Day Two

Graffiti: Vandalism or Art?

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- You'll also see hundreds of graffiti "tags" covering the bridge itself
- Another kind of graffiti is "scribing"
- The law almost everywhere considers graffiti to be vandalism
- Some people argue that graffiti is not vandalism
- They also had to apologize publicly to the entire school community

- Manhattan man | **HAT** | uhn
- signatures **SIG** | nuh | churz
- disrespect **DISS** | rih | spekt
- suspended suhss | **PEN** | did
- apologize uh | **POL** | uh | jeyez
- motives **MOH** | tivz



Decoding practice:

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

st _____

sl _____

st _____

scr _____

scr _____

sp _____

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.



Day Two

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Part 2: Last read

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If you walk along the Manhattan Bridge in New York City, you will see graffiti on roofs and billboards. You'll also see hundreds of graffiti "tags" covering the bridge itself. Tags are stylized signatures that put the tagger's name up for others to see.

Taggers often compete to see who can put their names in the hardest or most dangerous places to reach. They call this "slamming." Taggers sometimes "slash" each other's tags, putting a line through or writing on top of other taggers' names.	59 70 85
Slashing is considered a challenge or an act of disrespect to the other tagger. Another kind of graffiti is "scribing," scratching a tag on plastic or paint with a knife or key.	100 117

The law almost everywhere considers graffiti to be vandalism. Many New Yorkers especially hate tagging. Tanya from the Bronx says, "Graffiti makes ugly marks on beautiful cities."	129 142 144
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Some people argue that graffiti is not vandalism. They say that it is actually art and that it is created by people who need space to express themselves. At Flatbush Middle School, a group of teens painted an entire wall of the gym together. When they were nearly finished, a school security guard caught them. The students were suspended from school. They also had to apologize publicly to the entire school community. Tina had this to say about her motives. "Before I painted the gym, nobody paid any attention to me. Now everyone knows who I am."	160 174 189 202 215 229 241
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you see graffiti in your community? Do you think it is vandalism or art? Explain.

Share your answer with your partner. Does your partner agree or disagree?
