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## Day Two

# Kids Without Parents

### Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- What are the options for children without parents
- Orphanages are large facilities
- orphanages are more common in other countries
- tends not to bode well for children
- Children in the Romanian orphanages

- options                      **OP** | shunz
- orphanage                    **OR** | fan | ij
- facilities                    fuh | **SIL** | uh | teez
- researchers                **REE** | sur | churz
- Romania                     roh | **MAY** | nee | uh
- individual                 in | dih | **VIH** | joo | ul
- attention                    uh | **TEN** | chun



### 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.

r $\bar{o}$ le

bode

bones

sole

life

fate



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### Part 2: Last read

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What are the options for children without parents? In some countries, they may live in a kind of group home called an orphanage. Orphanages are large facilities with 20 children or more. Children are cared for by paid staff. In old style orphanages, children eat meals at long tables and play in big groups. They may sleep in large rooms with beds lined up in rows.

46  
64  
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Nowadays, orphanages are more common in other countries than in the U.S. Since 2000, researchers have been studying orphanages in Romania, a country in eastern Europe. Children living in orphanages were compared to children in foster care. In foster care, children live with another family. They have their own place to sleep and eat meals with the family. The foster parents take on the role of mother and father, providing more than just basic care.

80  
92  
106  
122  
138  
141

Being raised in orphanages tends not to bode well for children. Children in the Romanian orphanages had more learning problems than children in foster care. Children in orphanages also had more health problems. They even had smaller bones than children in foster care! In some orphanages, one worker was the sole caregiver for many children. The research points to the importance of family life for growing children.

156  
168  
182  
196  
208

In the U.S., there are not enough foster families. As a result, the fate of children without parents is getting worse. More children are growing up in group homes. They can miss out on important individual attention from adults who care about them.

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What could improve the lives of children in orphanages and group homes?

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Read your ideas to your partner. Write down more ideas that your partner can add.

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