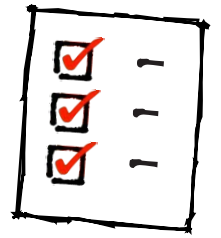


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## Day Two

# Trayvon Martin: A Life Stolen

## Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- His death sparked a nationwide outcry
- demanding justice for the slain teenager
- Though he resided in Miami
- There had been a rash of burglaries
- who advised him not to pursue the boy
- Trayvon's parents advocated for their deceased son

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### Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. The first one is done for you.

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racial

neighborhood

dispatcher

investigation



## Day Two

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# Trayvon Martin: A Life Stolen

Part 2: Last read

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“If I had a son, he would look like Trayvon,” declared President Obama. Trayvon Martin, a Black unarmed teen, was shot in 2012. His death sparked a nationwide outcry regarding racial profiling. Millions of people protested, demanding justice for the slain teenager.

What were the circumstances of this tragedy? One rainy evening, Trayvon was heading home 56  
 from a convenience store. Though he resided in Miami, Trayvon and his father were visiting 71  
 his father’s fiancée in Sanford, Florida. Trayvon was wearing his hoodie. He was carrying an 86  
 iced tea and Skittles. He was listening to music and talking with his girlfriend on his phone. 103  
 George Zimmerman, a neighborhood-watch volunteer, spotted Trayvon. There had been a 114  
 rash of burglaries in the vicinity. Upon seeing Trayvon, Zimmerman alerted the Sanford police, 128  
 who advised him not to pursue the boy. Zimmerman ignored the dispatcher’s counsel and 142  
 trailed Trayvon. Shortly thereafter, the sound of gunfire reverberated throughout the area. 154

When officers arrived at the scene, Trayvon was dead. Zimmerman, claiming he’d acted in self- 169  
 defense, wasn’t arrested. Trayvon’s parents advocated for their deceased son, voicing profound 181  
 concerns regarding the police investigation. The case gained national attention and, following 193  
 weeks of protests, Zimmerman was charged with murder. A jury found Zimmerman not guilty. 207

“He was a very fun-loving, understanding young man with a beautiful smile,” Trayvon’s father 221  
 said about his son. “He obeyed the laws of the land. He was our child and we’ll never be able 241  
 to touch him again. That’s who Trayvon Martin was.” 250

### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why do you think George Zimmerman shot Trayvon Martin?

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Share your ideas with your partner. Write your partner’s ideas here.

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