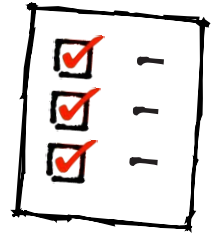


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Foster Care

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Their parents may have serious problems
- who specializes in caring for children
- The state can decide to place children
- that they can love unconditionally
- But the benefits far outweigh anything else

- serious **SEER** | ee | us
- specializes **SPESH** | uh | ly | zez
- stipend **STY** | pend
- emotional ih | **MOH** | shun | ul
- unconditionally un | cun | **DIH** | shun | uh | lee
- outweigh out | **WAY**



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.

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Part 2: Last read

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Sometimes children can't live at home. Their parents might be very sick. Their parents may have serious problems. The adults may not be able to cope. Or the mother or father might have died. When this happens, who cares for the children?

Many children live with an adult who is not their parent. It could be an aunt or a grandparent. But sometimes it is an adult who specializes in caring for children. These adults are called foster parents. The state can decide to place children in their homes.	60 74 89
Foster parents receive a stipend. A stipend is money from the state. State stipends pay for food and clothing.	105 108

Michelle has two children. She is also a foster parent. She took classes on caring for children who can't live with their parents. Then she began caring for foster children. She has cared for more than 40 children in 15 years. Some were quite sick. Many had emotional problems.	124 139 155 157
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Michelle said in an interview, "I feel very fortunate. We have learned so much more from these children than they've learned from us. We've learned that they can love unconditionally. And it's very, very hard sometimes. But the benefits far outweigh anything else."	172 186 198 200
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Some children begin to see their foster family as a real second family. When the foster care system works, children feel safe. They feel cared for. Michelle has now adopted two of her foster children.	216 230 235
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What kinds of adults would make good foster parents?

Share your ideas about good foster parents with your partner. Write down ideas that your partner can add.
