

**Name:**

## Day One

# Peer Pressure

### Part 1: Silent read

➔ Is peer pressure a bad thing or a good thing? Read silently.

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Inez is feeling peer pressure. This means she is feeling pushed to make a decision by someone her own age. When peers pressure someone to do something, they might use insults. They might threaten to reject the person. Or they might argue that what they’re doing is okay. Peer pressure can make teens do things they normally would not do.

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// one minute

## Part 2: First timed read

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## Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is peer pressure?

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How can peer pressure be positive?

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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.