

Name:

## Day One

# SquashBusters

### Part 1: Silent read

→ Find out how this unusual sport helps Boston students succeed. Read silently.

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// one minute

## Part 2: First timed read

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194  
209  
222  
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## Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

How does SquashBusters help kids?

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What percent of SquashBusters graduates go on to four-year colleges? \_\_\_\_\_

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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.