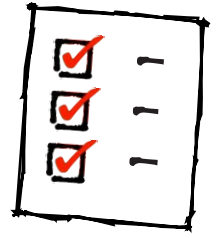


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Day Two

Hero or Traitor?

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- He turned down a \$12 million contract
- When Allen joined the Celtics in 2007
- In the first year of the “Big Three”
- including the aggressive Avery Bradley
- When Allen moved to Miami

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Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. Remember, a base word shows the core meaning of a longer word. The base word includes no word endings or prefixes. The first one has been done for you.

arch(rival)

beloved

shooter

gritty

unstoppable

painful

championship

betrayal



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Part 2: Last read

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Boston fans were shocked when they heard the news. Ray Allen, the beloved Celtics basketball star, had chosen a new team. He turned down a \$12 million contract with the Celtics. Instead, he signed a smaller contract with Boston’s archrival: the Miami Heat. 44

When Allen joined the Celtics in 2007, fans felt like he was coming home. He had played college ball at nearby UConn. Recognized as the greatest three-point shooter of all time, Allen could also play gritty, Celtics-style defense. 60
73
84

With Allen joining Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce on the team, the Celtics became unstoppable. In the first year of the “Big Three,” the Celtics won the NBA championship. 98
112
113

As the years went on, Allen developed problems. He had painful injuries, and he began missing shots. The Celtics signed new, younger players, including the aggressive Avery Bradley. Allen spent more and more time on the bench. 127
138
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When Allen moved to Miami, he took out a full-page ad in the *Boston Globe*. “I took great pride in calling Boston home. From my heart, THANK YOU Boston.” 168
180

Still, some fans could not forgive him. “Ray walked away,” one Celtics fan wrote on his blog. “Ray, you’re nothing to me now.” 195
203

Should Boston fans be grateful for the good years Allen gave the team? Or was his move to the Heat an act of betrayal? What do you think? 219
231

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Should Celtics fans be grateful to Ray Allen, or should they hate him for joining a rival team?

Ask your partner how he or she feels about athletes switching teams.

- It’s okay if it was not the athlete’s own choice.
- It’s okay if the new team is not a rival.
- It’s okay—sports is just a business.