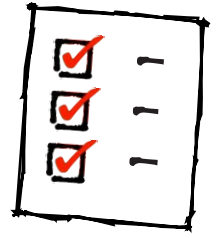


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Day Two

Silent Victims

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Marwa is just one of many Iraqi children
- Life changes a great deal in wartime
- War also disrupts health care
- Things were so bad in Iraq
- The war affected children's minds and spirits

- Marwa **MAR** | wah
- Iraqi ih | **RA** | kee
- exploding ek | **SPLOH** | ding
- buildings **BIL** | dingz
- affected uh | **FEK** | tid
- Saied al Hashimi sy | **EED** al hah | **SHEE** | mee



Decoding practice:

We break words into syllables where we see two consonants in the middle of words.

- Underline the middle two consonants
- Draw a line between the two consonants
- Put a short vowel sign [˘] over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

d[˘]octor

expect

confused

infants

disrupts

victims



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Part 2: Last read

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Marwa, a young Iraqi woman, was 12 when the bombs fell. The year was 2003. The Iraq War had begun. Ten years later, Marwa told her story to *BBC News*. She told how scared she was as her family hid inside their house with bombs exploding around them. She told how, finally, she could no longer take the noise and the fear and began to run. Then, everything went black. When Marwa awoke, she discovered that her leg had been blown off. She would never run again.

Marwa is just one of many Iraqi children who were caught up in the Iraq War. Life changes a great deal in wartime. Suddenly, no one knows what to expect. Adults are worried and confused. Good food and clean water are hard to find. In Iraq, children saw people hurt and killed. They heard about kidnappings. They saw buildings blown to bits.

War also disrupts health care. In Iraq, hospitals closed, and doctors left the country. Many infants and children became sick.

Things were so bad in Iraq that many families fled. About four million Iraqis left their homes. People were torn from their everyday lives. Children could not attend school or see their friends.

The war affected children’s minds and spirits, too. Many became fearful all the time. Some lashed out, hitting and kicking parents and friends.

Dr. Saied al Hashimi, a Baghdad doctor, treated some of these children. “I call them the silent victims.”

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What can people do to help children who were hurt in the Iraq War? Write down your ideas.

Share what you wrote with your partner. What good ideas can your partner add?
