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## Day Two

# Iraq and the U.S.

### Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- history sets the stage for the conflict
- Iraq is a Middle Eastern nation
- We need millions of barrels each day
- Iraq saw an opportunity to gain even more oil
- but anger and distrust remained

- reserves                      rih | **ZURVZ**
- neighboring                  **NAY** | bur | ing
- Kuwait                        koo | **WAYT**
- retreated                    rih | **TREE** | tid
- invasion                      in | **VAY** | zhun



### Decoding practice:

We break words into syllables between double consonants in the middle of words.

- Underline the double consonants
- Draw a line between the double consonants
- Put a short vowel sign <sup>˘</sup> over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

billion  
˘  
|  
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supply

Saddam

meddled

connected

illegal



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### Part 2: Last read

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When two people fight, there is usually a back story. He never shows me respect. She always lies. These feelings build up, and there is bad blood. When countries go to war, history sets the stage for the conflict.

Iraq is a Middle Eastern nation of about 30 million people. It has oil supplies of over 100 billion barrels. The U.S. is a powerful country with over 300 million people. However, we have oil reserves of only 20 billion barrels. We need millions of barrels each day to run our cars and power plants and heat our homes. Since our own supply can run out, we keep a close eye on oil-rich countries like Iraq.	57 71 88 106 116
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In 1990, Iraq saw an opportunity to gain even more oil and invaded a neighboring country, Kuwait. Iraq's president, Saddam Hussein, led the invasion. U.S. leaders demanded that Saddam pull back. He refused. We invaded. In less than a year, Iraq had retreated, and the Gulf War was over.	131 142 158 165
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The Gulf War ended quickly, but anger and distrust remained. Saddam felt the U.S. had meddled in Middle Eastern affairs. He refused to let inspectors check Iraq for illegal weapons. In response, the U.S. blocked supplies and aid from entering Iraq.	180 194 206
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Ten years later, the 9/11 attacks raised new fears. President Bush claimed that Saddam had WMDs and was connected to the 9/11 terrorists. With the bad blood between the two countries, these claims were easy to believe. The stage was set for a new war.	221 238 253
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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

When you think of Iraq, what words come to your mind?

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Ask your partner this question. What words can your partner add about Iraq?

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