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# Day Two Iraq and the U.S.

### Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



Read these phrases and words <b>out loud</b> 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   <b>ZURVZ</b>	
	neighboring	NAY   bur   ing	
	Kuwait	koo   <b>WAYT</b>	
	retreated	rih   TREE   tid	
	invasion	in   <b>VAY</b>   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 over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

billion

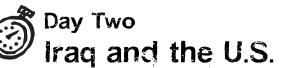
supply

Saddam

meddled

connected

illegal



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Part 2: Last read WPM \_\_\_\_\_

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.

lraq is a Middle Eastern nation of about 30 million people. It has oil supplies of over 100	5/	
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	106	
keep a close eye on oil-rich countries like Iraq.	116	
In 1990, Iraq saw an opportunity to gain even more oil and invaded a neighboring	131	
country, Kuwait. Iraq's president, Saddam Hussein, led the invasion. U.S. leaders	142	
demanded that Saddam pull back. He refused. We invaded. In less than a year, Iraq had	158	
retreated, and the Gulf War was over.	165	
The Gulf War ended quickly, but anger and distrust remained. Saddam felt the U.S. had	180	
meddled in Middle Eastern affairs. He refused to let inspectors check Iraq for illegal	194	
weapons. In response, the U.S. blocked supplies and aid from entering Iraq.	206	
Ten years later, the 9/11 attacks raised new fears. President Bush claimed that Saddam	221	
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.	253	

#### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

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

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

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