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Day Two

A Sports Tragedy

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- He had a brain bleed
- But he told friends that this was a lie
- where high school athletes get the most concussions
- it is important that players do not get reinjured
- Second injuries can cause lifelong brain damage

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dougherty | DOH ur tee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | concussion | kon KUH shun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | victims | VIK timz |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | depressed | dih PREST |



Decoding practice:

Circle the two base words in the compounds below. The first one is done for you.

football

sixteen

linebacker

teammate

lifelong



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Sixteen-year-old Ryan Dougherty was a junior at Montclair High School. He was a
linebacker on the junior varsity football team. “He loved the game,” said a teammate. “He
talked about football 24/7.” On October 15, his team played a game. Ryan made a 46
hard tackle. He had a brain bleed and was rushed to the hospital, where he died later that 64
night. 65

Ryan’s death was a tragedy. Could it have been prevented? Some people think so. A 77
month earlier, Ryan got a concussion during practice. He went to the doctor. He sat 95
out for a few weeks. He had lost part of the season, so he told the doctor he felt normal. 115
But he told friends that this was a lie. He only said it so he could play football again. This 135
lie may have cost him his life. 142

A concussion is a head injury that affects the brain. Concussion victims may feel 156
confused or depressed. They may be dizzy or nauseous. Healing after a concussion takes 170
time. Victims may feel sick, confused, or depressed for weeks. These feelings mean the 184
brain is still injured. 188

Football is the sport where high school athletes get the most concussions. There are about 203
47 concussions per 100,000 games or practices. After a concussion, it is important that 217
players do not get reinjured. They must protect their brains until they have totally healed. 232
Second injuries can cause lifelong brain damage. In Ryan’s case, the second injury 245
was deadly. 247

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think a sports player should sit out after a concussion, even if he or
she feels okay? Yes No It depends

Why do you think this? Explain. _____

Talk to your partner about his or her answer. Check the answer that fits.

- My partner and I feel the same way about this.
- My partner and I feel differently about this.