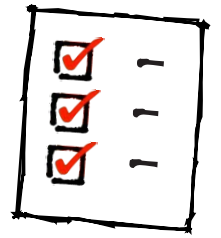


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Day Two

Shawn Carter, AKA Jay-Z

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- He is worth millions of dollars
- Record producers were not interested in his style
- Now he has many platinum albums
- one of *Time*'s 100 most influential people
- and his relentless drive

- surrounded sur | **ROWN** | did
- rhymes **RYMZ**
- influential in | floo | **EN** | chul
- Bloomberg **BLOOM** | burg
- success suk | **SESS**



Decoding practice:

- Find the vowels in these longer words
- Write a v above each vowel
- Count the vowels
- Write the number of syllables in the word
- Try clapping the syllables and say the word

The first one is done for you.

superstar ^v₃ producers _____ interested _____ amazing _____
platinum _____ poverty _____ relentless _____ magazine _____



Day Two

// one minute

Shawn Carter, AKA Jay-Z

Part 2: Last read

WPM _____

You know who Shawn Carter is, right? Jay-Z!

Jay-Z is a music superstar. He has won many Grammys. He is worth millions of dollars.

Jay-Z grew up in Brooklyn, New York. He was surrounded by a new kind of music: hip-hop. MCs, or rappers, were kings. In the early days, MCs played other people’s records. 60
 They rapped their own words over the music. At house parties, Jay-Z heard amazing MCs. 76
 He began keeping a notebook with his own rhymes. 85

At age 26, Jay-Z produced his first album. Record producers were not interested in his style, so he started his own record company. Now he has many platinum albums. He also runs a business empire. He owns sports bars, a clothing line, and a sports agency. He travels the world and collects fine art.

In 2013, Jay-Z was on the cover of *Time* magazine. He had been named one of *Time*’s 100 most influential people. President Obama and the pope were also on the list. These people have big ideas. They set trends. When they speak, the world listens.

Michael Bloomberg was the mayor of New York City. In *Time*, he wrote about what makes Jay-Z special. He wrote about his rise from poverty and his relentless drive. “In nearly everything he’s tried, he’s found success,” he wrote. “And in doing so, he proved that the American Dream is alive and well.”

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you enjoy rap or hip-hop? Or do you prefer a different style of music?

Share your answer with your partner. Do you agree or disagree?
