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## Day Two

# Separated at the Border

### Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- have been separated from their parents
- have made more family separations possible
- Children were served inedible food
- The children have shown signs of emotional stress
- They've suffered from anxiety

- Dixiana                      **DEEK** | see | ah | nah
- emotional                      ih | **MOH** | shun | ul
- anxiety                        ang | **ZEYE** | uh | tee
- detention                      dih | **TEN** | shun



### Decoding practice:

Circle the base word in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. Then underline the prefix that means “not.” The first one is done for you.

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unbelievably

immoral

inedible

impossibly



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Part 2: Last read

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“The kick scared me and hurt,” Dixiana said. She was a 10-year-old girl from Honduras. The kick was from a guard in a U.S. detention center. The guard wanted her to wake up. He kicked her foot while she was sleeping on the floor. Earlier, Dixiana and her mother were caught entering the US illegally. They were brought to the detention center. They were separated. 49 63 65

Unbelievably, thousands of children have been separated from their parents at the U.S. border. Harsh immigration policies have made more family separations possible than ever before. People who believe the separations are immoral have tried to help. They’ve interviewed the children and listened to their stories. They’ve fought the government in court. 78 89 103 116 117

What are some of the stories? Children were served inedible food. They were kept in very cold rooms without enough blankets. They were bullied by guards. They weren’t told their rights. 133 147 148

The children have shown signs of emotional stress. They’ve suffered from anxiety. They haven’t been able to sleep. They’ve felt impossibly sad. “The way I have been treated makes me feel like I am trash,” Sergio said. He was a teenager separated from his father for 45 days. “I worry about him every day and every night,” Sergio said. 161 176 193 207

When Dixiana was first separated from her mother, she didn’t cry. However, on the second and third day, she cried all the time. She said most of “...the other girls in my cell were also crying the whole time I was there.” 222 241 249

### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think it’s immoral to separate kids from parents when families cross the border without the proper legal documents? Why or why not?

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Share ideas with your partner.

We agree about this

We disagree about this