

Name:

Day Two

The Killing of Trayvon Martin

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- a neighborhood-watch volunteer
- Upon seeing Trayvon
- he'd acted in self-defense
- Zimmerman was finally charged with murder
- A jury found Zimmerman not guilty
- Following weeks of protests

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Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. The first one is done for you.

rainy

hoodie

neighborhood

finally

understanding

inequality



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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“If I had a son, he would look like Trayvon,” said President Obama. Trayvon Martin, a Black teen, was shot in 2012. He wasn’t carrying a weapon. His death sparked an outcry throughout the nation about racial inequality. Millions of people protested. They demanded justice for the Miami teenager. 49

How did this tragedy happen? Trayvon and his father were visiting his father’s fiancée in another town. One rainy evening, Trayvon was heading home from a convenience store. He was wearing his hoodie. He was carrying an iced tea and Skittles. He was listening to music and talking with his girlfriend on his phone. George Zimmerman, a neighborhood-watch volunteer, saw Trayvon. There had been recent burglaries in the area. Upon seeing Trayvon, Zimmerman called the police. They told Zimmerman not to follow the boy. Zimmerman ignored the police’s advice. After a short period of time, there was the sound of gunfire. 64
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When officers arrived at the scene, Trayvon was dead. Zimmerman claimed he’d acted in self-defense. He wasn’t arrested. Trayvon’s parents wanted justice for their son. They shared concerns with the public about the police investigation. The case gained national attention. Following weeks of protests, Zimmerman was finally charged with murder. A jury found Zimmerman not guilty. 166
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“He was a very fun-loving, understanding young man with a beautiful smile.” These are the words of Trayvon’s father. “He obeyed the laws of the land. He was our child and we’ll never be able to touch him again. That’s who Trayvon Martin was.” 224
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think George Zimmerman should have been found guilty of murder?

Why? _

Share ideas with your partner.

We agree about this

We disagree about this