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Day Two

Iraq & the U.S.: How Did the Conflict Start?

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- It has oil supplies of over 100 billion barrels
- on the other hand
- Since our own supply can run out
- Our leaders promised to free the Kuwaiti people
- These fears helped spark a new war

- reserves rih | **ZURVZ**
- Kuwait koo | **WAYT**
- Saddam Hussein suh | **DAHM** hoo | **SAYN**
- enraged en | **RAYJD**
- nuclear **NOO** | klee | ur



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 \checkmark over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

millions

planning

supply

Saddam

attacks

running



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Iraq is an oil-rich nation. It has oil supplies of over 100 billion barrels. The U.S., on the other hand, has only 20 billion barrels. Our country uses millions of barrels of oil each day. We need oil to keep our cars and power plants running. We need oil to heat our homes in winter. Since our own supply can run out, we keep a close watch on places with large oil reserves.

53
71
74

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, another oil-rich nation. The invasion was led by Iraq's president, Saddam Hussein. His goal was to take over Kuwait's oil supply. The U.S. responded quickly. Our leaders demanded that Saddam pull back. He refused. We invaded. Our leaders promised to free the Kuwaiti people. Faced with much stronger forces, the Iraqis retreated. In seven months, the Gulf War was over.

89
103
115
128
140

The 1990 Gulf War ended quickly but left anger on both sides. The U.S. suspected Saddam was planning more violence. Saddam would not let inspectors check for illegal weapons. In response, the U.S. blocked supplies and aid from entering Iraq. This enraged Saddam. He said outsiders were trying to control his country.

155
168
182
192

Ten years later, the 9/11 attacks raised new fears about Iraq. President Bush said Saddam was connected to the 9/11 terrorists. He also warned that Saddam was building dangerous weapons. What if Saddam gave poison gas to terrorists? Or a nuclear bomb? These fears helped spark a new war in 2003.

208
223
237
245

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Write down some facts you know about Iraq.

Share your answers with your partner. What facts can your partner add to your list?
