

Name:

Day One

No Snitchin'!

Part 1: Silent read

➔ How do you define snitching? Read silently.

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What are the students learning about snitching? Some people say they will never ever tell, no matter what. One man said his brother could “die in his arms,” and he would still not talk to police. For most people, it matters most who the victim is. People were more willing to tell if the crime affected a child, an elderly person, or a close friend. When the victim is a criminal, like a drug dealer, many people said they would be afraid to tell.

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// one minute

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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is “The Snitching Project”?

Why won't some people tell on a criminal?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.