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Day Two

Peer Pressure: Pushing Back

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- Asia is flustered
- but she is attracted to Jake
- Many teens feel intense pressure to conform
- They worry that they will be criticized or excluded if they dress

- approaches uh | **PROH** | chiz
- attracted uh | **TRAK** | tid
- conform kuhn | **FORM**
- assertively uh | **SER** | tiv | lee
- aggressively uh | **GRESS** | iv | lee
- delighted de | **LEYE** | tid



Decoding practice:

Complete these words from the passage that start with a consonant blend.

thr _____

pl _____

fl _____

pr _____

cr _____

cl _____

If you don't know the word already:

- a) Underline and say the single sounds in the blend.
- b) Say the sounds out loud as a blend.
- c) What sounds are in the rest of the word?
- d) Say and write the whole word.



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Asia is enjoying herself at a party when Jake, the cute boy from her math class, approaches. He thrusts a plastic cup in her direction. “Hey Asia, do you want a beer?” he asks. Asia is flustered. She doesn’t drink, but she is attracted to Jake, and she wants him to like her. What should she say? 57

Like all teens at some point, Asia is feeling peer pressure. Teens spend more time with peers than they do with their families or other adults. Many teens feel intense pressure to conform. They worry that they will be criticized or excluded if they dress, talk, or act too differently. 72
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The best way to resist peer pressure is to be prepared to speak your mind assertively but not aggressively. Say “no” by standing up straight, looking the person in the eye, and saying in a pleasant but firm voice, “I don’t want to.” 122
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Asia takes a deep breath. She stands up straight, smiles, and looks Jake in the eye. “No thanks, I don’t drink,” she says. “Are you going to the basketball game next weekend?” Jake sets the beer down, and soon they are talking with two other classmates about basketball. Asia is delighted to be talking to Jake and proud that she stayed true to herself. The next time she feels peer pressure she will know exactly what to do. 166
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think it was hard or easy for Asia to refuse the beer? Explain.

Check with your partner. Does your partner think it was hard or easy for Asia?
