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## **Day One**

# **September 11**

### **Part 1: Silent read**

➔ What happened in the September 11 terrorist attack? Read silently.

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On live television, Americans watched the tragedy. They watched in horror as the twin towers fell. They knew that people trapped inside were dying. They watched, spellbound, as part of the Pentagon burned. How could this be happening? It seemed like a bad dream.

Ten days later, President Bush spoke to the nation about the attack. He said the hijackers were members of Al Qaeda. Al Qaeda is a terror network. It is made up of cells, or small groups, found all over the world. These Al Qaeda cells share a few core beliefs. They want everyone to worship God a certain way. They want everyone to follow strict rules. They also want to destroy the United States. They use acts of terror to scare their enemies.

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// one minute

## Part 2: First timed read

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why was September 11, 2001 an important day?

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What was President Bush’s message to the U.S. military?

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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.