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Day Two

Who Are the Vandals?

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- seats and drapes had been slashed
- Vandalism is property damage that is done on purpose
- Poorly lit buildings are targets for vandals
- Students feel disrespected
- Vandalized schools get a bad reputation
- What may start as a prank

- auditorium aw | dih | **TOH** | ree | uhm
- damage **DAM** | uhj
- behavior bee | **HAY** | vyur
- issues **ISH** | yooz
- affected uh | **FEK** | tid
- disrespected dis | rih | **SPEK** | tid
- canceled **KAN** | suhld
- reputation rep | yoo | **TAY** | shun
- spiral **SPEYE** | ruhl
- pressure **PREH** | shur



Decoding practice:

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

cl _____ dr _____

dr _____ dr _____

pr _____ pr _____

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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Part 2: Last read

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“Oh my gosh!” “Did you see the library?” Teachers arrived early at Clinton Middle School. Right away they could see something bad had happened. Someone had broken in over the weekend. In the auditorium, seats and drapes had been slashed. Floor wax was dumped on the library carpet. Books were soaked with cleaning fluid. 54

Vandalism is property damage that is done on purpose. Schools that are large or run-down are often targeted. Schools without houses nearby are vandalized more. 68
 Poorly lit buildings are targets for vandals. And vandalism is more common 80
 in schools with other behavior issues. 98

Everyone is affected by vandalism. Students feel disrespected, and teachers feel that their work doesn't matter. Repair costs can drain money from arts and sports. At Clinton, library and drama classes were canceled for months. Vandalized schools get a bad reputation. 110
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Who are the vandals? Seventh grade is the peak age. Vandals are most often boys. 154
 Bored students and students with poor grades vandalize more. 163

What may start as a prank can get out of hand quickly. Drugs and alcohol are often part of the story. Teens who are high will behave in a reckless way. Actions can spiral out of control. 180
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Peer pressure is often part of vandalism. Teens may do things in a group that they would never try on their own. What are your ideas about dealing with vandalism? 216
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

If you came in to your school and saw the library and auditorium trashed, how would you feel?

Check with your partner. How would your partner feel?
