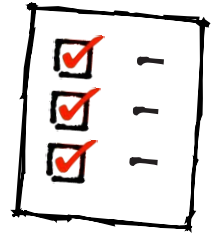


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Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- As the sky brightened in Iraq
 - Families would wait for weeks
 - computers help soldiers stay connected
 - that technology has allowed us to have
 - They cope in different ways
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- deployed dih | **PLOYD**
 - Kansas **KAN** | zis
 - technology tek | **NOL** | uh | jee
 - spouses **SPOW** | sez



Decoding practice:

- Underline the IGH pattern in the words below
- Cross out the GH
- Write a long vowel sign $\bar{\text{I}}$ over the letter I
- Say the word with a long I sound (it says its name)

The first one is done for you.

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midnight

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Part 2: Last read

WPM _____

When Nikki’s husband, Nick, deployed to Iraq, the family was left behind. Nikki stayed in Kansas. She lived at Fort Riley with their three children.

“I can’t count how many times I think about him during the day,” Nikki told *ABC News* in 2008. “We talk about him all the time.” While Nikki and her children ate breakfast each day, she thought about Nick. She tried to picture what he might be doing in Iraq. “Right now, usually he’s sleeping, unless they’re on guard,” she said.

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After a midnight raid, Nick would often call. As the sky brightened in Iraq, darkness fell in Kansas. Three a.m. in Baghdad is 6 p.m. at Fort Riley.

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In the past, soldiers wrote letters home. Families would wait for weeks to get news. It was frightening to be out of touch. Today, computers help soldiers stay connected. “The contact that technology has allowed us to have—that is so much peace for me,” Nikki said.

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Nikki missed Nick most in the evenings. When he was at home, they helped each other. “Usually I make dinner and he spends time with the kids,” she said. “We both do prayer time, story time, and bed time.” While Nick was fighting in Iraq, she did these things alone. When Nick first left, this was hard. “Now I’m okay, I’m in my groove,” she said. “This is what Army spouses do.”

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All military families are different. They cope in different ways. But they are all glad when moms, dads, and spouses are safely back at home.

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Think about someone close to you being deployed to a war zone. What would help you deal with their being away?

Share your answer with your partner. Are your thoughts about this the same or different?

- We had the same thoughts
- We had different thoughts