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Day Two

Hidden Causes of Crime

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- teens who are caught vandalizing are fined and sentenced to probation
- the court ordered a mental health evaluation for Eddy
- Many young people who commit crimes
- Acting out behavior often stems from depression
- Untreated mental problems may spawn more criminal behavior

- evaluation ee | vahl | yoo | **AY** | shuhn
- psychiatrists seye | **KEYE** | uh | trists
- concluded kuhn | **KLOO** | did
- therapy **THAIR** | uh | pee
- behavior bee | **HAY** | vyur
- unhappiness uhn | **HAH** | pee | ness



Decoding practice:

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

scr _____

sm _____

sp _____

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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Eddy vandalized his school library two years ago. He threw rocks through one of the large windows and then scrambled into the building. Once inside, he smashed and overturned banks of computers and ripped pages out of library books. In all, he cost his school about \$200,000. 48

Usually, teens who are caught vandalizing are fined and sentenced to probation. In 61
 more serious cases, they may be sent to a youth lock-up. Instead, the court ordered a 78
 mental health evaluation for Eddy. The evaluation included the questions, “Do you 90
 often feel left out?” and “Do you ever feel like hurting yourself or people close to you?” 107
 Psychiatrists concluded that Eddy was depressed. He felt like his parents didn’t care 120
 about him. Eddy and his family began therapy to work out their problems. Two 134
 years later, Eddy is not completely happy, but he has more understanding of his 148
 behavior. He said, “I hurt a lot of people who did nothing wrong by ruining all that 165
 stuff. That was the wrong way to handle my unhappiness.” 175

Many young people who commit crimes are actually suffering from mental illness. 187
 Acting out behavior often stems from depression or anxiety. Locking up teens may 200
 keep them out of trouble for a while. But jail may not address the roots of youth 217
 crime. Untreated mental problems may spawn more criminal behavior. Similar to 228
 Eddy’s experience, some youth courts now require mental health screening for 239
 teens accused of crimes. 243

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think mental health screening will help youth accused of crimes? Why or why not?

What does your partner think? Do you agree or disagree?
