

Name:

Day Two

SquashBusters

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- He believed that squash had helped him become a successful
- two athletes take turns hitting a rubber ball
- and motivates students to succeed in school
- And it helps them apply to college
- She says she likes that SquashBusters is about students and their futures
- I can also see myself in college and beyond

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| <input type="checkbox"/> social | SOH shul |
| <input type="checkbox"/> well-educated | well EH juh kay tid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SquashBusters | SKWASH bust erz |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ceiling | SEEL ing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tutoring | TOO ter ing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> motivates | MOH tih vayts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> certain | SIR tin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> opportunities | ah pur TOO nih teez |



Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. Remember, a base word shows the core meaning of a longer word. The base word includes no word endings or prefixes. The first one has been done for you.

Busters

successful

sixth

mentoring

active



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

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Greg Zaff was a professional squash player who wanted to work for social change. He believed that squash had helped him become a successful, happy, well-educated adult. He believed that squash could do the same for young people in the city of Boston. He started a program called SquashBusters.

SquashBusters teaches Boston-area middle and high school students to play squash. In this game, two athletes take turns hitting a rubber ball against the walls of a small room with a high ceiling. When one player cannot return the ball, the other player gets a point.

SquashBusters, however, is not just about squash. It also provides tutoring and mentoring, and motivates students to succeed in school. It organizes community service projects. It takes students on trips to places like New York City. And it helps them apply to college. Eighty-four percent of SquashBusters graduates have gone on to attend four-year colleges.

Sixth graders at certain middle schools can try out for SquashBusters. They belong to the team from sixth through twelfth grade. One member is Estefany Pujols from Boston. She says she likes that SquashBusters is about students and their futures—not just squash. “One of the opportunities SquashBusters has given me is to be an active, responsible teenager,” she says. “Now that I’m in SquashBusters, I can not only see myself through eighth grade, I can also see myself in college and beyond.”

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think you would like a program like SquashBusters? Why or why not?

Does your partner think it would be a good idea to be in a program like SquashBusters? Why?
