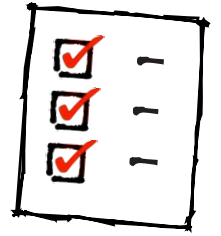


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Day Two

Adopt a Teenager

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

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

- Couples or single adults may spend years on waiting lists
- Yet there are hundreds of teenagers awaiting adoption
- The legal process involved in adopting a teenager
- it may seem easier to have a long-term impact on a child's life
- They can take care of many of their own personal needs

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- challenges **CHAL** | in | jez
- puberty **PYOO** | ber | tee
- especially eh | **SPEH** | shuh | lee
- previously **PREE** | vee | us | lee



Decoding practice:

We break words into syllables where we see two consonants in the middle of words.

- Underline the middle two consonants
- Draw a line between the two consonants
- Put a short vowel sign [˘] over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

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Day Two

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Adopt a Teenager

Part 2: Last read

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Some adults who want children decide to adopt. Often, adoptive parents want a newborn that they can raise from the start. Couples or single adults may spend years on waiting lists before they can adopt an infant. Yet there are hundreds of teenagers awaiting adoption. The legal process involved in adopting a teenager is streamlined. 55

So why aren't more teenagers being adopted? For one, it may seem easier to have a long-term impact on a child's life if the child joins the family at a very young age. Some parents want to feel they can affect the whole life of their child. 73
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103

Teenagers may present challenges that parents find tough to handle. They may get into conflict with adults. They may have emotional ups and downs because of puberty. Teens who are moving into an adoptive family often have an especially difficult time. 118
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In spite of the challenges, Amber Marie and her partner adopted a 14-year-old girl. They had previously been foster parents to several other children, all for shorter stays. Teenagers seemed to click in their family. They also didn't feel up to parenting a child from birth. 162
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Amber says that in some ways, teenagers are easier to parent than babies. "They can take care of many of their own personal needs if you just provide the resources," said Amber. "Adopting a teen has its challenges, but it also has great rewards." 209
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Would you consider adopting a teenager when you grow up? Why or why not?

Share your answer with your partner. What does your partner think?
