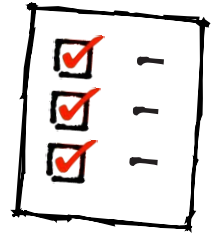


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Day Two

The War on Poverty

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- About 15 million American children live in poverty
- Paychecks for low skill jobs haven't kept up with rising prices
- President Lyndon Johnson began the War on Poverty
- He was concerned about the one family in five
- Budgets for children's programs are often strained

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- Lyndon **LIN** | duhn
- concerned kuhn | **SERND**
- outskirts **OWT** | skurtss
- Medicaid **MED** | ih | kayd
- vouchers **VOW** | cherz
- advocate **AD** | vuh | kit



Decoding practice:

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

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str _____

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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The War on Poverty

Part 2: Last read

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Not all children get a favored start in life. Many are less lucky. About 15 million American children live in poverty. Most of their families work but scramble to meet daily needs. Paychecks for low skill jobs haven't kept up with rising prices. Parents may need to skimp on all but the basics.

Children who live in poverty may not eat well. They are less likely to attend preschool.	68
Teens from low income homes are more likely to drop out of high school.	83
Poor children feel more stress, which can lead to health problems. In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson began the War on Poverty. He was concerned about the one family in five that lacked the basics. He focused on health care, food, education, and housing. "Too many Americans live on the outskirts of hope," Johnson said.	97 110 124 137

Johnson's War on Poverty began programs that still support poor families. Programs include Medicaid, food stamps, and housing vouchers. Since 1964, trillions of dollars have been spent on this war. But today, too many children are still poor. Budgets for children's programs are often strained.	149 161 177 182
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Although low income children have more support today than in 1964, not all their needs are met. Groups like the Children's Defense Fund advocate for poor children. They work to expand health care, preschool, and job training.	196 209 219
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

The Children's Defense Fund is working to expand health care, preschool, and job training to help poor families. Would you add anything to the list of what they are working toward?

What would your partner add to the list?