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## Before We Were Free

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Word	Grade Level	Pronunciation	Definition
absently	7	ăb' sənt-lē	without paying close attention; without concentrating; in a preoccupied or inattentive manner
cautious	6	kó' shəs	aware of or alert to the possibility of danger; not inclined to be bold or take risks; careful, often in a nervous or anxious way
creepy	6	krē' pē	having or possessing the ability to cause unease; creating a crawling sensation on one's skin; scary; disgusting; unpleasant
directly	6	dī-rēkt' lē	in a straight line; without straying from a set course; exactly or precisely; strictly; just or right; immediately; as soon as possible; in a blunt, frank, or straightforward manner; without interference
discuss	5	dī-skūs'	to talk about or over; to debate; to examine or consider in speech or writing
embargo	9	ēm-bār' gō	a government order forbidding ships from entering or leaving port; an order that prohibits trade with foreign nations; a ban
embassy	8	ēm' bə-sē	a building where officials who represent their government or country in another country live or work; a staff of diplomatic representatives
erase	5	ī-rās'	to eliminate; to delete; to remove or get rid of; to strike or wipe out
honestly	6	ōn' ĩst-lē	truthfully; without cheating or deceit
illegal	8	ī-lē' gəl	unlawful; against the law; not allowed or permitted; prohibited by official regulations; against the rules; forbidden; acting in a prohibited or unlawful manner
murdered	6	mūr' dərd	killed deliberately and illegally
potential	8	pə-tēn' shəl	having the possibility; possible or probable; promising; latent; likely
privacy	8	prī' və-sē	a state in which one's person, thoughts, or actions are out of the sight, hearing, or knowledge of others; secrecy; confidentiality; seclusion
raided	5	rā' dīd	made a surprise attack on; attacked, invaded, or entered by force, usually for the sake of seizing, destroying, or stealing property
rash	7	răsh	an eruption or condition of the skin that is often red and irritating; a skin irritation

## Pronunciation Guide

	Examples		Examples		Examples
b	bed	t	toy, debt, thyme, receipt	ÿ	sit, dessert
ch	chalk, catch, question	th	think	i	slide, pie
d	drawer, could	th	than	ir	pier, hear, miracle
f	fish, rough, graph, calf	v	savage	ö	hot, conscious
g	great, guest	w	with, while	ó	hope, boat, row
h	happy	y	yes	ó/ór	caught, raw, for, war
hw	where	z	zebra	oi	noise, boy
j	jump, giraffe, bridge	zh	leisure, genre	oo	book
k	ankle, cat, rack, chasm, quiche	sh	shut, motion, chandelier, issue	oo	tool
l	lemon, needle	ă	bad	ou	found, how
m	rhyme, hymn, tomb	â	hate	ũ	cup, rummage
n	nice, know, gnat	âr	care, hair, wear	ûr	fur, heard
p	pet	ä	father, are	yoo	cute, beautiful
r	red, wrist, rhyme	ë	fetch, head	ə	afar, capable, us
s	sister, cent, psalm, science	é	be, seat, receive	ər	father, fir