

NAOMI OSAKA

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Naomi Osaka is a superstar tennis player. She was born in Osaka city, Japan on October 16, 1997. She is the very first tennis player from Japan to win a Grand Slam singles tournament after beating her long-time hero Serena Williams in the U.S. Open Final. Osaka has dual Japanese and American citizenship but is not fully fluent in Japanese.

Osaka was born to a Japanese mother and a Haitian father. In 2016, she said: "When I go to Japan, people are confused. From my name, they don't expect to see a black girl." Naomi has an older sister, Mari, who is also a professional tennis player. Naomi moved to New York with her family when she was three years old and then moved to Florida.

Osaka turned pro in September 2013 and made her WTA tour debut a year later. During the 2015 WTA Finals she won the Rising Stars Invitational exhibition tournament. In her Grand Slam debut, Osaka reached the third round of the Australian Open. In 2016, Osaka was voted the newcomer of the year at the WTA Awards.

Osaka is 180cm tall and has a powerful serve and a strong forehand. In the 2016 US Open, one of her serves was timed at 201.1kmh. Her charming personality led GQ Magazine to call her, "the coolest thing in tennis". Her athleticism and skill on the court led her to overpower and defeat Serena Williams by two sets to love. There are a lot more titles to come.

Sources:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naomi_Osaka

<http://www.naomiosaka.com/en/profile/>

<https://www.gq.com/story/naomi-osaka-is-the-coolest-thing-in-tennis>

SYNONYM MATCH Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. tournament | a. pro |
| 2. dual | b. relocated |
| 3. fluent | c. puzzled |
| 4. confused | d. championship |
| 5. professional | e. articulate |
| 6. moved | f. double |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 7. debut | g. mighty |
| 8. reached | h. rookie |
| 9. newcomer | i. delightful |
| 10. powerful | j. premiere |
| 11. charming | k. beat |
| 12. defeat | l. got to |

PHRASE MATCH Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Naomi Osaka is a superstar | a. to see a black girl |
| 2. her long- | b. in Japanese |
| 3. dual Japanese and American | c. personality |
| 4. fully fluent | d. time hero |
| 5. they don't expect | e. debut |
| 6. Osaka turned pro | f. tennis player |
| 7. In her Grand Slam | g. of the year |
| 8. Osaka was voted the newcomer | h. citizenship |
| 9. Her charming | i. to come |
| 10. There are a lot more titles | j. in September 2013 |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Naomi Osaka (1) _____ tennis player. She was born in Osaka city, Japan on October 16, 1997. She is the very first tennis player from Japan (2) _____ Grand Slam singles tournament after beating her (3) _____ Serena Williams in the U.S. Open Final. Osaka has dual Japanese and American citizenship but is not (4) _____ Japanese.

Osaka (5) _____ a Japanese mother and a Haitian father. In 2016, she said: "When I go to Japan, people are confused. From my name, they don't (6) _____ a black girl." Naomi has an older sister, Mari, (7) _____ a professional tennis player. Naomi moved to New York with her family when she was three years old (8) _____ to Florida.

Osaka (9) _____ September 2013 and made her WTA tour (10) _____ later. During the 2015 WTA Finals she won the Rising Stars Invitational exhibition tournament. In her Grand Slam debut, Osaka (11) _____ round of the Australian Open. In 2016, Osaka was voted (12) _____ the year at the WTA Awards.

Osaka is 180cm tall and has (13) _____ and a strong forehand. In the 2016 US Open, one of her serves (14) _____ 201.1kmh. Her charming personality led GQ Magazine to call her, "the (15) _____ tennis". Her athleticism and skill on the court led her to overpower and defeat Serena Williams by two sets to love. There are a (16) _____ to come.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics. Five pairs in each paragraph.

Naomi Osaka is a superstar tennis player. She was *birthed* / *born* in Osaka city, Japan on October 16, 1997. She is the *very* / *verily* first tennis player from Japan to win a Grand Slam singles tournament after *beating* / *beaten* her long-time *hero* / *heroic* Serena Williams in the U.S. Open Final. Osaka has dual Japanese and American citizenship but is not fully *fluency* / *fluent* in Japanese.

Osaka was born *to* / *from* a Japanese mother and a Haitian father. In 2016, she said: "When I go to Japan, people are *confusing* / *confused*. From my name, they don't *expat* / *expect* to see a black girl." Naomi has an older sister, Mari, who is *also* / *addition* a professional tennis player. Naomi moved to New York with her family when she was three years old and *that* / *then* moved to Florida.

Osaka turned *par* / *pro* in September 2013 and made her WTA tour *debut* / *debutante* a year later. During the 2015 WTA Finals she won the Rising Stars Invitational exhibition tournament. *On* / *In* her Grand Slam debut, Osaka reached *a* / *the* third round of the Australian Open. In 2016, Osaka was *voting* / *voted* the newcomer of the year at the WTA Awards.

Osaka is 180cm *tall* / *high* and has a powerful serve and a *strong* / *strength* forehand. In the 2016 US Open, one of her *services* / *serves* was timed at 201.1kmh. Her charming personality led GQ Magazine to call her, "the coolest thing in tennis". Her athleticism and *skillful* / *skill* on the court led her to overpower and defeat Serena Williams by two sets to love. There are a lot more titles to *go* / *come*.

SPELLING

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a partsesur tennis player
2. a Grand Slam singles tremnoutna
3. American pticizhsei
4. fully fnlute in Japanese

Paragraph 2

5. people are csfunedo
6. they don't ecetxp to see a black girl
7. a nliasrepofso tennis player
8. deovm to Florida

Paragraph 3

9. made her WTA tour uedbt a year later
10. Osaka daehcer the third round
11. rewcnemo of the year
12. at the WTA arawds

Paragraph 4

13. a lweurfpo serve
14. Her nrhcgaim personality
15. Her hltisectima and skill
16. overpower and teefda Serena

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () see a black girl." Naomi has an older sister, Mari, who is also a professional tennis player. Naomi moved
- () Osaka is 180cm tall and has a powerful serve and a strong
- (**1**) Naomi Osaka is a superstar tennis player. She was born in Osaka city, Japan
- () voted the newcomer of the year at the WTA Awards.
- () Japanese and American citizenship but is not fully fluent in Japanese.
- () her, "the coolest thing in tennis". Her athleticism and skill on the court led her to overpower and defeat
- () go to Japan, people are confused. From my name, they don't expect to
- () Osaka was born to a Japanese mother and a Haitian father. In 2016, she said: "When I
- () Osaka turned pro in September 2013 and made her WTA tour debut a year
- () tournament. In her Grand Slam debut, Osaka reached the third round of the Australian Open. In 2016, Osaka was
- () forehand. In the 2016 US Open, one of her serves was timed at 201.1kmh. Her charming personality led GQ Magazine to call
- () Serena Williams by two sets to love. There are a lot more titles to come.
- () to New York with her family when she was three years old and then moved to Florida.
- () on October 16, 1997. She is the very first tennis player from Japan to win
- () a Grand Slam singles tournament after beating her long-time hero Serena Williams in the U.S. Open Final. Osaka has dual
- () later. During the 2015 WTA Finals she won the Rising Stars Invitational exhibition

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. from to player very win . first tennis The Japan

2. dual American citizenship . has Osaka Japanese and

3. Japan, When confused . people to go are I

4. girl . a see to They black don't expect

5. family . to New moved her York Naomi with

6. her year tour WTA a She later . debut made

7. the round Australian Open . the third reached Osaka of

8. of newcomer voted year . was the Osaka the

9. of her One timed was 201 .1kmh . at serves

10. come . to lot a are There titles more

DISCUSSION (Write your questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Naomi Osaka?
2. Would you like to meet Naomi Osaka?
3. What would you like to know about Naomi Osaka and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Naomi Osaka?
2. What questions would you like to ask Naomi Osaka?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

THE NAOMI OSAKA SURVEY

Write five questions about Naomi Osaka in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or other search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Naomi Osaka. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. NAOMI OSAKA POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Naomi Osaka. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article Naomi Osaka. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Naomi Osaka. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Naomi Osaka expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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| 4. fully fluent | d. in Japanese |
| 5. they don't expect | e. to see a black girl |
| 6. Osaka turned pro | f. in September 2013 |
| 7. In her Grand Slam | g. debut |
| 8. Osaka was voted the newcomer | h. of the year |
| 9. Her charming | i. personality |
| 10. There are a lot more titles | j. to come |

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES:

1. The very first tennis player from Japan to win.
2. Osaka has dual Japanese and American citizenship.
3. When I go to Japan, people are confused.
4. They don't expect to see a black girl.
5. Naomi moved to New York with her family.
6. She made her WTA tour debut a year later.
7. Osaka reached the third round of the Australian Open.
8. Osaka was voted the newcomer of the year.
9. One of her serves was timed at 201.1kmh.
10. There are a lot more titles to come.

ALL OTHER EXERCISES:

Look at the text on page 2.