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Day One

Carmelo Anthony: Keeping it Mellow

Part 1: Silent read

→ Melo was a young NBA star who got attention on and off the court. Read silently.

Have you seen this flashy NBA player? People call him Melo. Or mellow, meaning cool. He is Carmelo Anthony, an All-Star player with a mean slam dunk. He has a bold look and outstanding skills.

In high school, Melo was cut from the basketball team. He came back the next year and blew everyone away. Soon, he was the number one player in the U.S. He went to college at Syracuse University. He led the SU team to a NCAA title.

After a stellar year at SU, Melo was off to the NBA. He played first for the Denver Nuggets. In 2011, he went to the New York Knicks. In a way, this was a homecoming: Melo had lived in Brooklyn until he was 8. He snagged a \$65 million contract with the Knicks. That's a lot of money in his wallet! Point guard Chauncey Billups also went to New York. The Knicks hoped that these stars would shine bright in the NBA East.

Melo has also scored points for his fashionable style. He is one of the NBA's best-dressed players. He wears dapper hats and crisp suits. Underneath, he is covered in tattoos.

Melo appeared on TV with his wife, La La. In their show, you could see their fancy home and famous friends. But Melo knows what really matters. On his website he said, "I know what I have to do on the basketball court. That comes first, that's a no-brainer."

Source: "It's only the beginning for me New York," *thisismelo.com*, September 27, 2013.



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What happened with player Carmelo Anthony in 2011?

Describe Melo’s style.

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.