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## Day One

# Albert Pujols: Bigger Than the Game

## Part 1: Silent read

→ Find out what makes this great player a great person. Read silently.

Albert Pujols is a first baseman with a powerful bat. He was an All-Star every year from 2003 to 2010. He helped the Cardinals win the World Series in 2006 and 2011. In one great play of the 2006 series, Pujols made a diving catch. Then, he somehow threw a runner out while still on his back.

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Both these groups are close to Pujols's heart. His daughter, Isabella, has Down syndrome. And the Dominican Republic is Pujols's native country. Pujols has returned to his homeland several times. He always brings food, supplies, and teams of doctors and dentists.

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## Part 2: First timed read

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## Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is Albert Pujols known for in baseball?

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How does the Pujols family help people in the Dominican Republic?

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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.