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Day One

Lisa Leslie: Her Mother's Daughter

Part 1: Silent read

→ Find out how Lisa Leslie's mother shaped her life. Read silently.

Lisa Leslie dominated the WNBA. She was named league MVP three times, and she was the first woman to dunk in a professional game. She has four Olympic gold medals. This 6'5" star says that she got her determination—and her height—from her remarkable mother, Christine.

When Lisa was young, her father abandoned Christine and their three daughters. Christine made a bold choice. She decided to try a job that was tough and unfamiliar, but offered a chance to provide for her family. She decided to become a cross-country truck driver.

This job meant that Christine was sometimes away from home for weeks at a time. During the summer, the girls sometimes traveled with her, sleeping in the back of the truck at night. But it provided enough money to support all four women. Lisa says that watching her mother take on this difficult job taught her lessons about strength and self-respect that have shaped her life. "She raised me to be confident and hold my head up," Lisa says.

As she grew, Lisa began showing this confidence both on and off the basketball court. As a senior in high school, she once scored 101 points in just one game. She is a model and an actor, as well as a spokesperson for breast cancer awareness. Lisa, like her mother, has proved that strong women can do anything.



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What lessons about life did Lisa learn from her mom, Christine?

What tough job did Christine take? _____

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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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