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Day One

The Talented Lopez Family

Part 1: Silent read

➔ Find out how this family made Olympic history. Read silently.

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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What makes the Lopez family special?

What Olympic medals did the Lopez family win in 2008?

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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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