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Day One

Speedsuits

Part 1: Silent read

➔ New suits helped swimmers win races and break records. Was it fair? Read silently.

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People had strong reactions to this new suit. Most felt excitement. But some felt differently. Some college and high school swim programs struggled to buy LZR suits. The suits cost between \$425 and \$550. Plus, they stretched out after only a few swims. Then they became useless.

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// one minute

Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why did the Speedo LZR become so popular?

What makes it hard for schools to buy these suits?

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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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