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## Day One

# WNBA Cares

### Part 1: Silent read

➔ Find out how WNBA players give back. Read silently.

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## Part 2: First timed read

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## Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What are some ways that WNBA players help others?

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Why do players want to help?

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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.