

LORENA OCHOA

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Lorena Ochoa was born in Mexico, in 1981. She plays on the LPGA Tour in the USA and is probably the best Mexican golfer of all time. She is Mexico's only golfer to be ranked number one in the world. She is also one of Mexico's highest earners and the perfect role model for Mexican girls hoping to make it big in sports.

It seems as though Ochoa was born to be a golfer. She grew up next door to the Guadalajara Country Club. She won her first national tournament when she was just seven. She won an impressive 44 national junior events. She showed the world she meant business by winning five Junior World Championships in a row.

Ochoa was on the up-and-up and she won award after award. In November 2001, Mexican President Vicente Fox presented her with Mexico's National Sports Award. She was the youngest person and first golfer to receive Mexico's highest sporting prize. She also bagged the 2003 Nancy Lopez Award, which is presented to the world's most outstanding female amateur golfer.

Ochoa turned professional and joined the LPGA Tour in 2003. She finished her rookie season ninth on the LPGA money list. A year later she won her first two LPGA titles. She claimed the title of golf's top woman by winning six tournaments in 2007 and topping the money list. There is an LPGA tournament named after her – the Lorena Ochoa Invitational.

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SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. probably | a. consecutively |
| 2. perfect | b. appears |
| 3. make it big | c. ideal |
| 4. seems | d. spectacular |
| 5. impressive | e. in all likelihood |
| 6. in a row | f. be successful |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 7. on the up-and-up | g. won |
| 8. receive | h. heading |
| 9. bagged | i. making progress |
| 10. titles | j. in honour of |
| 11. topping | k. get |
| 12. after | l. championships |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. She plays on the | a. business |
| 2. girls hoping to make it | b. money list |
| 3. It seems as though Ochoa was born | c. big in sports |
| 4. She won an impressive | d. 2003 Nancy Lopez Award |
| 5. She showed the world she meant | e. after her |
| 6. Ochoa was on the up-and-up and | f. 44 national junior events |
| 7. She also bagged the | g. LPGA Tour in the USA |
| 8. She finished her rookie season ninth | h. to be a golfer |
| 9. topping the | i. she won award after award |
| 10. There is an LPGA tournament named | j. on the LPGA money list |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Lorena Ochoa was born in Mexico, in 1981. She _____ LPGA Tour in the USA and _____ best Mexican golfer of all time. She is Mexico's only golfer _____ number one in the world. She _____ Mexico's highest earners and the perfect role model for Mexican girls hoping to _____ sports.

It _____ Ochoa was born to be a golfer. She grew up next door to the Guadalajara Country Club. She _____ national tournament when she was just seven. She won an impressive 44 national junior events. She showed the world she _____ by winning five Junior World Championships _____.

Ochoa was on _____ and she won award after award. In November 2001, Mexican President Vicente Fox _____ with Mexico's National Sports Award. She was the youngest person _____ to receive Mexico's highest sporting prize. She also bagged the 2003 Nancy Lopez Award, which is presented to the world's most outstanding _____ golfer.

Ochoa turned professional _____ LPGA Tour in 2003. She finished her _____ ninth on the LPGA money list. A year later _____ LPGA titles. She claimed the title of golf's top woman by winning six tournaments in 2007 _____ the money list. There is an LPGA tournament _____ her – the Lorena Ochoa Invitational.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Lorena Ochoa was born in Mexico, in 1981. She plays on the LPGA Tour *in / at* the USA and is *probably / probable* the best Mexican golfer of all time. She is Mexico's only golfer to be ranked number one in the world. She is also one of Mexico's highest earners and the perfect *roll / role* model for Mexican girls hoping to make *it / them* big in sports.

It seems as though Ochoa *was / has* born to be a golfer. She grew up next door to the Guadalajara Country Club. She *beat / won* her first national tournament when she was just seven. She won an impressive 44 national junior events. She showed the world she *meant / meaning* business by winning five Junior World Championships in a *column / row*.

Ochoa was on the *up-and-up / up-and-up-and-up* and she won award after award. In November 2001, Mexican President Vicente Fox *presented / gifted* her with Mexico's National Sports Award. She was the youngest person and first golfer to receive Mexico's highest sporting prize. She also *bagged / bag* the 2003 Nancy Lopez Award, which is presented to the world's most outstanding female amateur *golf / golfer*.

Ochoa *turned / turning* professional and joined the LPGA Tour in 2003. She finished her *rookie / cookie* season ninth on the LPGA money list. A year later she won her first two LPGA titles. She claimed the *heading / title* of golf's top woman by winning six tournaments in 2007 and *stopping / topping* the money list. There is an LPGA tournament named after her – the Lorena Ochoa Invitational.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. aoybrlbp the best
2. dakrne number one in the world
3. the rpeetfc role model
4. girls pnhgio to make it big

Paragraph 2

5. It seems as gthhou Ochoa was born to be a golfer
6. laninaot tournament
7. She won an irmesepivs 44 national junior events
8. She showed the world she emant business

Paragraph 3

9. Ochoa was on the p-dun-aup
10. the euyosgnt person
11. Mexico's highest otspirgn prize
12. trmauea golfer

Paragraph 4

13. Ochoa ntderu professional
14. two LPGA tselti
15. She imlcdea the title of golf's top woman
16. There is an LPGA tournament denma after her

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () world she meant business by winning five Junior World Championships in a row.
- () It seems as though Ochoa was born to be a golfer. She grew up next door to the Guadalajara Country Club. She won
- () ninth on the LPGA money list. A year later she won her first two LPGA titles. She claimed the title of golf's top woman
- () Ochoa was on the up-and-up and she won award after award. In November 2001, Mexican President Vicente Fox
- () outstanding female amateur golfer.
- () highest sporting prize. She also bagged the 2003 Nancy Lopez Award, which is presented to the world's most
- () her first national tournament when she was just seven. She won an impressive 44 national junior events. She showed the
- () presented her with Mexico's National Sports Award. She was the youngest person and first golfer to receive Mexico's
- () named after her – the Lorena Ochoa Invitational.
- () by winning six tournaments in 2007 and topping the money list. There is an LPGA tournament
- () Ochoa turned professional and joined the LPGA Tour in 2003. She finished her rookie season
- (**1**) Lorena Ochoa was born in Mexico, in 1981. She plays on the LPGA Tour in the USA and is probably the best Mexican golfer of
- () all time. She is Mexico's only golfer to be ranked number one in the world. She is also one of Mexico's highest earners and
- () the perfect role model for Mexican girls hoping to make it big in sports.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. Tour plays in on the the USA LPGA She

2. it make to hoping girls sports in big

3. seems as though Ochoa was born to be a golfer It

4. 44 impressive an won She events junior national

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DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Lorena Ochoa?
2. Would you like to meet Lorena Ochoa?
3. What would you like to know about Lorena Ochoa and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Lorena Ochoa?
2. What questions would you like to ask Lorena Ochoa?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

THE LORENA OCHOA SURVEY:

Write five questions about Lorena Ochoa in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITING:

Write about Lorena Ochoa for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Lorena Ochoa. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. LORENA OCHOA POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Lorena Ochoa. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Lorena Ochoa. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Lorena Ochoa. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Lorena Ochoa expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.