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Sources:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naomi_Osaka
https://www.gq.com/story/naomi-osaka-is-the-coolest-thing-in-tennis
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. tournament  
2. dual  
3. fluent  
4. confused  
5. professional  
6. moved  

**Paragraphs 3 and 4**
7. debut  
8. reached  
9. newcomer  
10. powerful  
11. charming  
12. defeat  

PHRASE MATCH  Match the following phrases from the article.
1. Naomi Osaka is a superstar  
2. her long-  
3. dual Japanese and American  
4. fully fluent  
5. they don't expect  
6. Osaka turned pro  
7. In her Grand Slam  
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LISTENING GAP FILL

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NAOMI OSAKA

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Naomi Osaka is a superstar tennis player. She was *birthed / born* in Osaka city, Japan on October 16, 1997. She is the *very / verily* first tennis player from Japan to win a Grand Slam singles tournament after *beating / beaten* her long-time *hero / heroic* Serena Williams in the U.S. Open Final. Osaka has dual Japanese and American citizenship but is not fully *fluency / fluent* in Japanese.

Osaka was born *to / from* a Japanese mother and a Haitian father. In 2016, she said: "When I go to Japan, people are *confusing / confused*. From my name, they don't *expat / expect* to see a black girl." Naomi has an older sister, Mari, who is also *addition* a professional tennis player. Naomi moved to New York with her family when she was three years old and *that / then* moved to Florida.

Osaka turned *par / pro* in September 2013 and made her WTA tour *debut / debutante* a year later. During the 2015 WTA Finals she won the Rising Stars Invitational exhibition tournament. *On / In* her Grand Slam debut, Osaka reached *a / the* third round of the Australian Open. In 2016, Osaka was *voting / voted* the newcomer of the year at the WTA Awards.

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

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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 Naomi Osaka?
2. Would you like to meet Naomi Osaka?
3. What would you like to know about Naomi Osaka 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 Naomi Osaka?
2. What questions would you like to ask Naomi Osaka?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. ___________________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________________
6. ___________________________________________________
7. ___________________________________________________
8. ___________________________________________________
THE NAOMI OSAKA SURVEY

Write five questions about Naomi Osaka 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.

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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 Naomi Osaka for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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HOMEWORK

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

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

3. NAOMI OSAKA POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Naomi Osaka. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article Naomi Osaka. 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 Naomi Osaka. 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 “Naomi Osaka expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

Paragraphs 1 and 2
1. tournament    a. championship
2. dual          b. double
3. fluent        c. articulate
4. confused      d. puzzled
5. professional  e. pro
6. moved         f. relocated

Paragraphs 3 and 4
7. debut         g. premiere
8. reached       h. got to
9. newcomer      i. rookie
10. powerful     j. mighty
11. charming     k. delightful
12. defeat       l. beat

PHRASE MATCH:
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4. fully fluent d. in Japanese
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ALL OTHER EXERCISES:
Look at the text on page 2.