



⚡ Today's Athletes

Grade 4

Name: _____

Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

Caitlin Clark: The Game-Changing Superstar



Have you ever seen a basketball player make shots from almost anywhere on the court? That's Caitlin Clark, a record-breaking superstar who has changed the game of women's basketball forever.

Born in West Des Moines, Iowa, in 2002, Caitlin showed a natural talent for basketball from a very young age. She spent countless hours practicing her shooting and dribbling, dreaming of playing at the highest level.

Clark became famous for her incredible long-range three-pointers. She could score from anywhere on the court. While playing for the University of Iowa Hawkeyes, she broke the all-time NCAA Division I scoring record for both men and women. Her amazing performances led her team to the national championship game and brought many new fans to women's college basketball.

Even with all her success, Caitlin faced the challenge of immense pressure and attention. Every game was watched by huge crowds. Every move was analyzed. She learned to stay focused on her team and her goals, using the pressure to push herself even harder.

Today, Caitlin Clark plays professionally in the WNBA. She continues to inspire young athletes around the world. Her impact goes beyond just numbers. She has proven that hard work and belief can make a sport more popular and excite fans everywhere.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS



(1) **Where was Caitlin Clark born?**

- (A) West Des Moines, Iowa
- (B) New York City, New York
- (C) Los Angeles, California
- (D) Chicago, Illinois

(2) **While playing for the University of Iowa, Caitlin Clark broke the all-time NCAA Division I scoring record for both _____.**

— continue writing on the lines below

(3) **What does the word "elevate" mean as it is used in the passage?**

- (A) to make something more popular or important
- (B) to lift something to a higher place
- (C) to make something smaller or less important
- (D) to make something disappear

(4) **Why do you think Caitlin Clark continued to play her best even when she faced immense pressure and attention? Use details from the passage to explain your answer.**

(5) **How has Caitlin Clark's work changed the world of basketball? What can young athletes learn from her life?**



