## **Megan Rapinoe**

a. Look at the following text. Read it to yourself. When you feel happy that you know how to say the words, read it aloud:

Megan Rapinoe is a U.S. professional soccer player who plays as a winger and captains OL Reign in the National Women's Soccer League and the U.S. national team. Winner of the Ballon d'Or Féminin and named The Best FIFA Women's Player in 2019, Rapinoe won gold with the national team at the 2012 London Summer Olympics, 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup, and 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup and she played for the team at the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup where the U.S. finished in second place. Since 2018, she co-captains the national team.

Rapinoe is internationally known for her style of play and activism. Her precise cross to Wambach in the 122nd minute of the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup quarterfinal match against Brazil resulted in an equalizer goal and eventual win for the U.S. after a penalty shootout. The last-minute goal was awarded ESPN's 2011 ESPY Award for Best Play of the Year. During the 2012 Olympics, she scored three goals and tallied a team-high four assists to lead the U.S. to a gold medal. She is the first player, male or female, to score a goal directly from a corner at the Olympic Games.

Rapinoe is an advocate for numerous LGBT organizations, including the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and Athlete Ally. She is sponsored by Nike, Procter & Gamble, BodyArmor, Hulu, LUNA Bar, Samsung, and DJO Global.



