

Choose your favourite athlete

1 Look at the titles and pictures below. What do you think the text is about?

Help us choose some "Living Legends of Sports". They must be **athletes** who are **masters** in their sports and also set good examples for others. Here are our first two choices.



Make predictions

Look at the pictures and think about the content before reading. This helps you to relate what you read to what you already know and to understand the new text.



LIVING LEGENDS

Lang Ping

As a player, Lang Ping brought **honour** and glory to her country. As a coach, she led the China women's volleyball team to **medals** at world championships and the Olympics. As a person, Lang Ping is loved by fans at home and abroad. When the Chinese team was preparing for the 2015 World Cup, her determination was tested. The team that Lang Ping had built was falling **apart**. One of the best players had been injured, and the team **captain** had to leave because of heart problems. Losing two important players was a big challenge, but Lang Ping did not lose heart. She had faced difficulties before, and she knew that her young players could win if they worked together as a team. Two weeks later, they were world **champions**! Then in 2016, Lang Ping led her volleyball team to Olympic gold in Brazil.

Michael Jordan

When Michael Jordan's feet left the ground, time seemed to stand still. The player who became known as "Air Jordan" changed basketball with his graceful moves and jumps. Jordan's skills were impressive, but the mental **strength** that he showed made him unique. In the final seconds of a game, Jordan always seemed to find a way to win. Jordan says that the secret to his success is learning from his **failures**. "I can accept failure; everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying." Losing games taught him to practise harder and never give up. In life, Jordan has learnt to share his success with others. The Boys and Girls Club which he started in Chicago has been helping young people since 1996.

Send your suggestions for "Living Legends of Sports" to LLS@sports.net.