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## **Catching the Fever**

You would never know it. Not by the welcoming smile or the calming spirit. You wouldn't have a clue there was a time in Tamika Catchings' life when she was shy, withdrawn and intimidated by the world around her. That description doesn't fit the typical girl who would become the face of the WNBA.

But Tamika Catchings has never been one to conform to stereotypes. She was born with a mild hearing loss, which caused her to speak with an impediment and wear hearing aids (which she hates even to this day).



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