

Champion Runner



B pronghorn

You probably know the cheetah is the fastest runner among animals. It can run at up to 100 kilometres per hour. But after some 200 metres, it needs to lie down and rest. The pronghorn, which lives in the prairies of North America, can run a few kilometres at ninety kilometres per hour, and fifteen kilometres at sixty-five kilometres per hour. Its whole body – heart, **lungs**, legs – is a perfect machine for long-distance running. But why? It doesn't need to run this fast now, but 18,000 years ago there were cheetahs in America. The pronghorn probably **evolved** to **escape** them. This beautiful animal is not well-known in Europe, but in America it is a symbol of prairie life. You can see it in the emblem of the province of Alberta, Canada.

3 The pronghorn

- A has to rest after 200 metres.
- B can run for a very long time.
- C can run faster than a cheetah.
- D evolved from a cheetah.