

For questions 1-9, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

### Abebe Bikila, double marathon winner

Nowadays we are quite used (1) \_\_\_\_\_ seeing East African runners winning distance races, but it was not until 1960, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Abebe Bikila won the marathon in Rome, that an African athlete won Olympic gold. Abebe, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ father was a farmer, was from a rural part of Ethiopia. He grew (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the small village of Jato, but at the age of 14 he walked all the way to the capital, Addis Ababa, to become a soldier. In 1960 Abebe joined the Olympic team. He replaced long-distance runner Wami Biratu, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ had been injured, and set off for Rome. Shortly before the marathon, he couldn't find a comfortable pair of running shoes, and so (6) \_\_\_\_\_ not to damage his feet he decided to run barefoot. This actually seemed to have a positive effect (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Abebe, who won in record time. Four years later, Abebe was in Tokyo, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ he again won gold. In (9) \_\_\_\_\_ so, he became the first athlete to win the Olympic marathon twice.