

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.