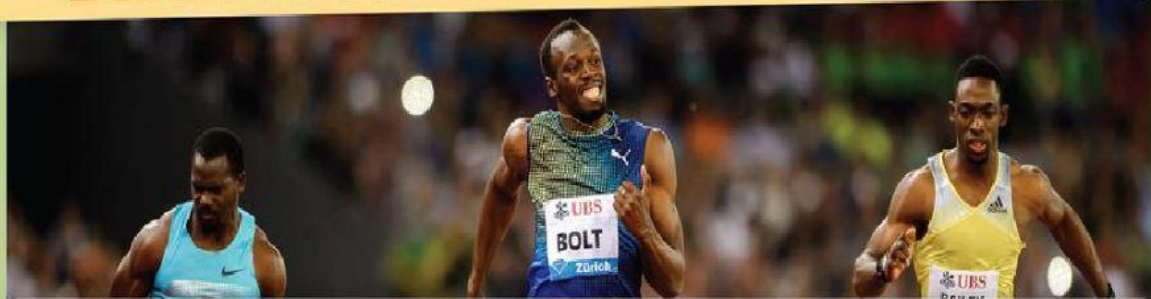




Read this text about a famous athlete

## The fastest man in the world



Many people say that Usain Bolt is the world's fastest man ever. In 2008 he won three gold medals at the Beijing Olympic Games in the men's 100m, 200m, and 4×100m relay. He also broke three world records. He was the first person to win these three events at the same Olympics. Then, at the London Olympics in 2012, he won three gold medals again in the same events! This is his story.

Usain Bolt was born in Jamaica on August 21, 1986. He lived in a small town called Trelawney, where his parents had a small food shop. When he was a child, Usain played cricket and football in the street with his brother, Sadeeki, and sister, Sherine. Usain was very good at cricket, and wanted to play for the West Indies.

Usain loved all sports and was one of the best runners at his school, but his sports coach wanted him to be an athlete. So Usain started to run in competitions. He won many races and, when he was 15, he won a gold medal and two silver medals at the 2002 World Junior

Championships in Kingston, Jamaica.

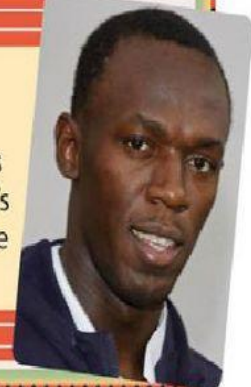
In 2004, Usain ran in the Olympic Games in Athens. He didn't win a medal because he had an injured leg. However, at the 2008 Olympic Games he became world famous.

Usain was always an ambitious boy and wanted to do well. His family was quite poor, but now he can help them and the people in his town. He also inspires young sportspeople all over the world.

So, how does he run so fast? Is it because he is so tall? Most athletes are around 182cm tall, but Usain Bolt is 196cm tall. He is taller and his legs are longer, so he takes fewer steps.

### Fun Facts

Usain Bolt likes dancing and watching football. His favourite team is England's Manchester United. People call him *Lightning Bolt*.





### Read the text and join

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### Choose the correct option

1. Usain is from .  
Beijing                      London                      Jamaica
2. When he was a child he liked  
dancing and watching football      playing cricket and football      running and watching TV
3. He lived with .  
his parents      his parents and his brother Sadeeki      his parents, his brother and his sister
4. His family was quite      and his parents had a .  
poor      rich      sports shop      food shop
5. He runs very fast because .  
he is light      he has longer legs      he trains hard