

Task 1

- You are going to read an article about a four-year-old long distance runner. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to choose the most appropriate word from the list (A-N) for each gap (1-10) in the text. Write the letter of the appropriate word in the white box.
- There are two extra words that you do not need to use.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.

**MARATHON BOY FACES RACE BAN**

A four-year-old Indian boy with amazing running skills has been told he can no (0) _____ run marathons because of fears about his health.

Child welfare officials became worried about Budhia Singh (1) _____ he collapsed before the finish in a recent race; he (2) _____ run 65 kilometres (40 miles) in seven hours and two minutes. Medical reports (3) _____ he was suffering from severe health problems.

His coach, Biranchi Das, said: "A fuss is being (4) _____. He has been running seven hours a day for a year now because (5) _____ he knows is how to run, eat and sleep. They knew his capacity to run long distance, (6) _____ why is there this fuss about it now?"

But health experts are worried that Budhia could be doing serious damage (7) _____ his body by running so long in extreme temperatures.

In many countries there are strict rules (8) _____ the distances kids are allowed to run.

The authorities in India say he cannot run again (9) _____ further tests are completed. They are going to make sure that if he (10) _____ continue to run, his health will be monitored and he will train with a proper athletics coach.

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