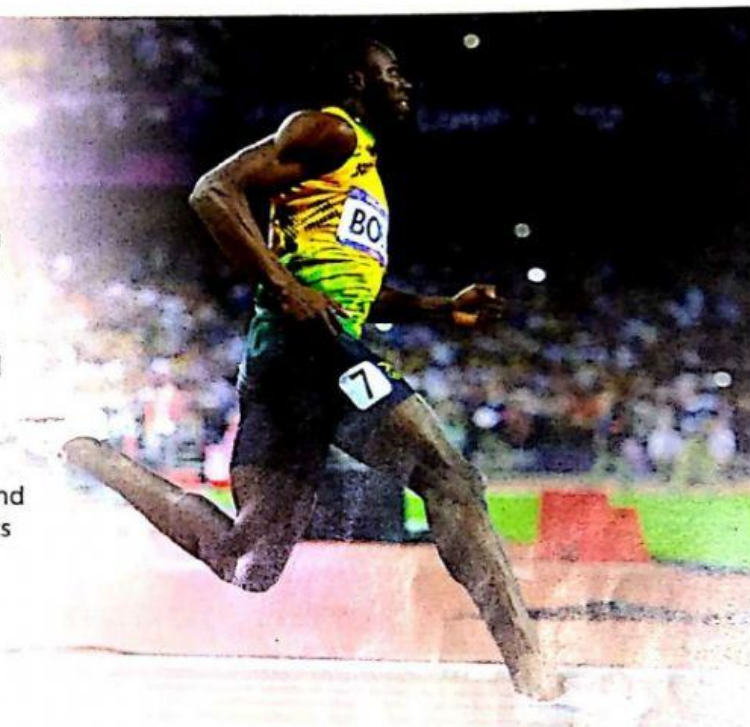


**THINK!** Name five famous international sports stars. Who is the most famous sports star in your country? What is his / her sport?

# Usain Bolt

- 1 Usain Bolt's full name is Usain Saint Leo Bolt and he is an athlete from Jamaica. He was born on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1986 in a small town in Jamaica called Sherwood Content and he now lives in Kingston.
- 2 Bolt first competed in sprint races when he was at school, and at the age of sixteen he was the youngest ever world junior champion for 200 metres. He continued to win competitions and then turned professional in 2004.
- 3 Bolt first broke a world record in a 100-metre race in May 2008 and after that he broke more records in 100- and 200-metre races. He also won gold medals at the Olympics in Beijing and London and became world champion for both the 100 and 200 metres. He's one of the most successful competitors in the history of athletics.



- 1 Read the profile. Where was Usain Bolt born? When was his first world record?
- 2 Look at the key phrases. Which phrases do we use in paragraphs 1–3? Read the profile again and check.

## KEY PHRASES


### Profile of a sports star

- 1 His / Her full name is ...
- 2 At the age of ... he / she ...
- 3 He's / She's one of the most successful ... in the history of ...
- 4 He / She first competed / played in ...
- 5 He / She was born on ...
- 6 He / She continued to ...
- 7 He / She first ... in ...

## Language point: Paragraphs

- 3 Read the text again. Match three topics from a–e with paragraphs 1–3.
 

a His life now	d Problems
b Greatest moments	e Early career
c Basic information	

- 4  **USE IT!** Follow the steps in the writing guide.

## WRITING GUIDE

### A TASK

Write a profile of a sports star for a sports website.

### B THINK AND PLAN

- 1 Think of a sports star who you like.
- 2 Find information about the person and choose the most important points. Look at the key phrases to help you choose.
- 3 Make notes using the key phrases and the paragraph titles in exercise 3.

### C WRITE

Write your profile using your notes.

### D CHECK

- past simple verb forms
- past time expressions
- paragraphs