



## Sport vocabulary practice (verbs)



**I Use the appropriate verb and put it in the right form to complete the sentences below.**

*beat / break / defeat / lead / score / win / withdraw / train / take up / award / take part / earn / challenge / lose*

1. Although professional sportsmen can ..... a lot of money, their careers are often short.
2. Jesse Owens achieved international fame at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin by ..... four gold medals.
3. As soon as they realised they had ..... the match, the basketball players started blaming each other.
4. The Golden ball is ..... every year to the best football player, according to the media.
5. Few athletes ..... in the tournament because of the sanitary situation.
6. Thanks to his determination, the captain finally ..... his team to victory in the World Cup final.
7. Despite unfavourable weather conditions, he ..... the world record last week.
8. How many goals has your favourite team eventually ..... this season?
9. In 1973, an ageing tennis star, Bobby Riggs, ..... Billie Jean King to a match. Indeed, even at 59 he believed he could ..... any female tennis player. King proved him wrong and he was ..... !
10. Due to a knee injury, the world champion had to ..... from the competition.
11. If you really want to lose weight and get fit, you should really ..... a sport.
12. You won't manage to be qualified unless you ..... hard.

**II Read the sentences above again and find the translation of the following phrases :**

dès que : .....	à moins que : .....	en (faisant) : ..... (doing)
d'après / selon : .....	en raison de : .....	bien que : .....
finalement : .....	grâce à : .....	si : .....
en effet : .....	à cause de : .....	en dépit de : .....

