

★ Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Shaun White ¹ was (be) born in 1986 in California. At the age of five, doctors ² _____ (discover) a problem with his heart. After that, he ³ _____ (have) two successful operations.



He was always interested in sport, but he ⁴ _____ (not start) snowboarding until he was thirteen years old. It ⁵ _____ (not take) him long to win his first competition.

He ⁶ _____ (win) silver in the Winter X Medals competition in 2002 but then he ⁷ _____ (not win) another *silver* medal until 2007. Why not? Because, from 2003 to 2006, he ⁸ _____ (come) first in every competition. The only medals he ⁹ _____ (win) were gold! He also ¹⁰ _____ (go) to Torino for the 2006 Winter Olympics and ¹¹ _____ (return) home with another gold medal.

Shaun is now a multi-media star. There's a DVD about his Olympic success, a snowboarding documentary and there was even a joke about him in the film *Ocean's 13*!