

# Usain Bolt Answers

1. When and where was Usain born?

**Usain was born in Jamaica on 21st August 1986.**

2. By what age had Bolt become the fastest 100m runner at this school?

**He became the fastest 100m runner at his school by the age of 12.**

3. Who is he inspired by?

**He is inspired by Waqar Younis, a former international cricket player.**

4. Why did Pablo McNeil get frustrated with Bolt?

**He got frustrated with Usain because he didn't always take his training seriously and enjoyed playing practical jokes.**

5. Why did Usain move to Kingston?

**He moved to Kingston because the Prime Minister spotted his talent and wanted him to train with the Jamaican Amateur Athletic Association.**

6. How do you think Bolt felt when he was chosen to represent his country in the Olympic Games?

**Answers will vary.**

7. Why do you think Usain reached a point in his life where he decided to take his sport more seriously and train harder?

**Answers could include reference to: Usain realising his own potential, upcoming important sporting events were getting closer, not wanting to become injured again and /or that he felt the need to please people who had believed in him, like his trainer and the Jamaican president.**

8. Explain how Bolt has shown resilience in his professional career.

**In 2004, Bolt went to the Olympic Games in Athens but a leg injury stopped him from winning any medals. He was injured for some time but came back stronger to win gold at the 2008 Olympic Games.**

9. Why is Usain nicknamed 'Lightning Bolt'?

**It's a play on words because of his surname and also to signify his speed - as fast as lightning!**

10. Which do you think is Usain's greatest achievement to date? Why?

**Answers will vary.**