



# Olympic Promise

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## While reading

### Chapters 1–2

#### 1 Find the right words in Chapters 1–2.

- a People eat this. (p. 2) .....
- b Not cold. (p. 2) .....
- c People play football with this. (p. 3)  
.....
- d You do this because you are tired. (p. 4)  
.....
- e It's a colour. (p. 5) .....
- f You answer this. (p. 5) .....

#### 2 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

- a Nelson runs many emklisorte .....  
everyday.
- b Nelson sees pictures of tafelibuu .....  
houses.
- c The naterir ..... shouts at Abra.
- d Nelson's dtameronrgh ..... puts her  
hand on his hand.
- e A stirvoi ..... comes to Nelson's  
house.
- f Ken asks Nelson an ttomarnip .....  
question.

### Chapters 3–4

#### 3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a There is a lot of noise in the big, new town. ☐
- b Nelson lives with boys and girls. ☐
- c Nelson never runs in the town. ☐
- d Nelson doesn't train on Saturday. ☐
- e Granny Sarah can't watch Nelson's race on television. ☐
- f Nelson's father is a doctor. ☐

#### 4 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a It is Nelson's second visit to a big town.  
.....
- b Life is very difficult in the new town.  
.....
- c Nelson runs every day from morning to the afternoon. ....
- d Nelson is young and he is thin. ....
- e Nelson takes his hat and goes out with his friends. ....
- f Nelson wins some of the races before the Olympic Games. ....

### Chapters 5–6

#### 5 Put a word or words on the left with a word or words on the right.

- |        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| before | well        |
| long   | short       |
| ill    | late        |
| win    | after       |
| early  | heavy       |
| light  | start       |
| behind | lose        |
| finish | in front of |

#### 6 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

- a at Nelson telephone the looked  
.....
- b bad said very things Nelson some  
.....
- c drink want Nelson water to didn't the  
.....
- d didn't buildings at look Nelson the  
.....
- e in Nelson be front to liked  
.....
- f talked a to television Nelson man  
.....

#### 7 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

- a Ken didn't finish finished his Olympic race.
- b Granny Sarah's hand was cold on at Nelson's hot head.
- c A lot of people are going to watching watch Nelson run.
- d Nelson's grandmother was good well for him.
- e Nelson looked behind him quick quickly.
- f Nelson smiled a very big bigger smile for his grandmother.

#### 8 What's first? Number the sentences 1–6.

- a ☐ Granny Sarah wants Nelson to promise her something.
- b ☐ Nelson didn't look at Ken and Ken didn't look at him.
- c ☐ Nelson sees people near him but he can't hear them.
- d ☐ Nelson runs slowly into the stadium and the noise stopped.
- e ☐ Nelson hears Granny Sarah in his head.
- f ☐ Nelson doesn't want to drink the bottle of water.



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### 1 What is first in the book? Number the sentences 1–10.

- a ☐ Nelson sees a tall white man at the football game.
- b ☐ Nelson is angry with a television man.
- c ☐ The people in Nelson's town are angry with him.
- d ☐ The Olympic marathon starts.
- e ☐ Nelson talks to his grandmother's sister, Ruthie.
- f ☐ Nelson comes slowly into the stadium.
- g ☐ Nelson goes to the big, new town.
- h ☐ Nelson promises to smile on television.
- i ☐ Ken Banks wants to take Nelson away and train him.
- j ☐ Nelson doesn't feel well on the day before the race.

### 2 Circle the right word or words.

- a Nelson always runs in the *dark / sun*.
- b Nelson's friends live in *small / beautiful* old houses.
- c Nelson sees the tall white man at a *football game / cinema*.
- d There are a lot of *cars / schools* in the big new town.
- e People ask Nelson questions *on television / in the street*.
- f Nelson is going to be famous in *his country / every country*.
- g Nelson doesn't want to know his friends because he is *famous / rich*.
- h Granny Sarah wants to see Nelson in the *big town / stadium*.
- i The Olympic marathon starts in the *morning / afternoon*.
- j Nelson doesn't want to talk to his *trainer / friends* after the race.

### 3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The sister of Nelson's grandmother is called Mutwa. ☐
- b Nelson hears music in his head. ☐
- c Nelson's friend, Abra, is a very quick runner. ☐
- d Nelson's father and mother live in the big, new town. ☐
- e Ken is happy with Nelson because he learns quickly. ☐
- f Nelson wants Granny Sarah to watch the Olympic race on television. ☐
- g Granny Sarah cries in her room at night. ☐
- h Nelson usually runs for a short time every day. ☐
- i Nelson's trainer sometimes runs in marathons. ☐

- j The people in the stadium shout and they love Nelson. ☐

### 4 Finish the sentences with the right word.

- heart danced letter money cold colours  
shoes finish things strong
- a Old Jacob Mutwa wanted Nelson to take a ..... for him.
  - b Nelson's friends didn't have much good food or many new .....
  - c The children in Nelson's head had ..... on their feet.
  - d There was a lot of ..... in the big, new town.
  - e Nelson wanted to see the ..... of his old life.
  - f Nelson was always in Granny Sarah's .....
  - g On the day before the race, Nelson's legs weren't .....
  - h In the Olympic Games, Ken didn't ..... his race.
  - i Granny Sarah's hand was ..... on Nelson's hot head.
  - j The buildings and people ..... in front of Nelson's eyes.

### 5 Answer these questions.

- a Where does Nelson see a game of football?  
.....
- b Where did Nelson sleep in Granny Sarah's house?  
.....
- c Who visited Nelson and Granny Sarah?  
.....
- d What colour were Ken Banks's eyes?  
.....
- e What was the name of Ken Banks's friend?  
.....
- f Who had a television in Nelson's town?  
.....
- g What did the newspapers want to know about Nelson?  
.....
- h Why were Nelson's friends angry with him?  
.....
- i When did Nelson go to bed because he was ill?  
.....
- j What did Ken have in his hand before the race?  
.....
- k What did Nelson want to do after the race?  
.....