

**B**

- a** Put the verbs from the list into the story in the past simple, past perfect, or past continuous.

1 compete 2 wait 3 notice 4 begin 5 win 6 beat 7 say 8 last 9 take 10 take  
11 give 12 discover

## Ben Johnson



In the Seoul Olympics in 1988, the Canadian runner Ben Johnson was running in the 100 metres final. People called it 'the race of the century' because Johnson

1 \_\_\_\_\_ against his greatest rival – the American sprinter, Carl Lewis.

When the runners 2 \_\_\_\_\_ to start the race, some people 3 \_\_\_\_\_ that Johnson's eyes were yellow.

The race 4 \_\_\_\_\_ and moments later Johnson was the Olympic champion. His time of 9.72 seconds was a new world record. Johnson was euphoric, because he 5 \_\_\_\_\_ the gold medal and 6 \_\_\_\_\_ his American rival, Carl Lewis.

After the race, Johnson 7 \_\_\_\_\_: 'My name is Benjamin Sinclair Johnson Jr and this world record will last 50 years, maybe 100 years.'

But he was wrong. His world record 8 \_\_\_\_\_ only a few hours. That evening, drug tests showed that Johnson 9 \_\_\_\_\_ steroids before the race.

The Olympic committee 10 \_\_\_\_\_ away his gold medal and 11 \_\_\_\_\_ it to Carl Lewis. Johnson was also banned from athletics for two years.

But fifteen years later people 12 \_\_\_\_\_ some amazing news about Carl Lewis...

- b** Read the story again and remember it. Tell **A** about Ben Johnson.

- c** Ask **A** *What do you think people discovered about Carl Lewis?* (Answer: He had also tested positive for drugs in 1988, just before the Seoul Olympics, but the American Olympic committee didn't ban him.)