

Title:	Teen athlete with 'rare talent' has offers from three different countries
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Summary:	A talented 16-year-old athlete, who currently lives and trains in Australia, must decide which country to represent internationally after receiving 3 different offers.

KEY WORDS

Below is a list of words which appear in the report - can you match the words with their correct definition? Use a dictionary to help you if you aren't sure.

ability to move quickly and easily	
acclaim, praise, speak highly of	
bend knees so the body is brought forward and down	
dangers, difficulties	
exhausting, extremely tiring	
fulfil, achieve, succeed in	
highest point or level	
important development, moment of achieving success in a particular activity	
obvious, apparent, noticeable	
part of something, feature	
very fast	

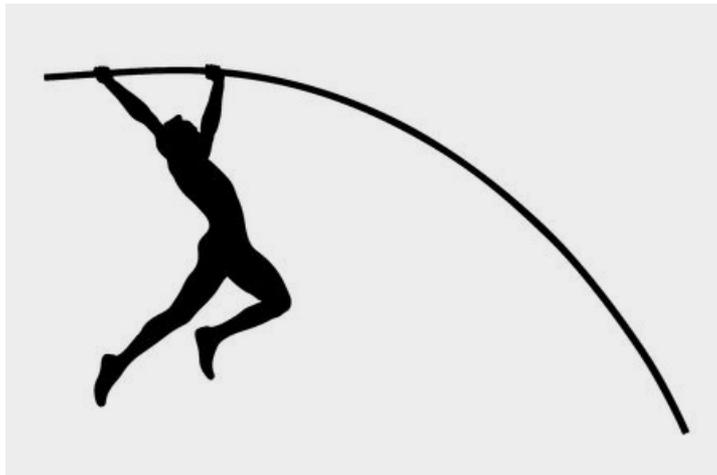
physical peak (n)
mental aspect (n)
being hailed (v)
breakthrough moment (n)
blistering run (adj)
talent was evident (adj)
crouch (v)
physically gruelling (adj)
strength and agility (n)
perils (n)
accomplish (v)

SUMMARY

A talented 16-year-old athlete, who currently lives and trains in Australia, must decide which country to represent internationally after receiving 3 different offers.

FOCUS QUESTIONS

- How is it possible for an athlete to be offered the opportunity to represent 3 different countries internationally?
- What does it take to become an elite athlete?
- The following quote is in the report: “The perils of teenage talent are well documented ...” What does it mean?
- Would you like to be an elite athlete? In which sport?



LISTENING

First watch the report and answer the questions

- Sasha Zhoya is a dual citizen of which 2 countries? **Australia and ...**
- How old is Sasha?
- What specialist program does he do at his high school?
- Where does he say he gets his competitive side from? **a. His mum** **b. His dad**

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

After watching the report, try to answer the following questions

1. What was his “breakthrough moment” at the national athletics championships in Sydney this year came?
2. What else did he achieve at the championships?
3. Besides pole vault and hurdles, which event does he excel in?
4. What does Lindsay Bunn, who has been coaching Sasha since he was 12 years old, say is the difference between Sasha and quite a number of athletes with as much talent?
5. What does he do to help pay for his athletics?
6. Which other country is he a citizen of?
7. What does he say about the decision regarding which country to represent internationally?

CLOZE

Use the words to complete the sentences

The form of the word may need to be changed

peak	aspect	hail	breakthrough	blistering	
evident	crouch	gruelling	agility	perils	accomplish

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2. Although she was very talented and passionate about becoming a film star, her mother, who had once been an actress herself, warned her daughter of theof the film industry.
3. At only 15 years old, the tennis player was beingby many as a future number one after she reached the third round of Wimbledon.
4. For many Australian people, a love of sport is an importantof their culture.
5. Many professional sports people these days employ the services of a sports psychologist to help them reachperformance.
6. The biggestin the tennis player's career came when she won her first grand slam at the US Open.
7. The football striker'space made life very hard for defenders.
8. The mandown to pick up a wallet he saw lying on the footpath.
9. The marathon is arguably the mostevent at the Olympics.
10. The tennis player's competitiveness and mental toughness werefrom a very early age.
11. To be a professional dancer, you need to be veryand have a good sense of rhythm.

ANSWERS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French • 16 years • dance • His mum 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. smashing the world record for under-18's pole vault 2. broke his age group record for hurdles 3. sprinting 4. he works so hard 5. works three part-time jobs 6. Zimbabwe 7. going to be a hard to make (so he's going to push that decision all the way until the end of this year)
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