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## Text A

Text A is an edited extract from an article based on an interview with Jamaican sprinter, Usain Bolt. It appeared as part of an article in *Shortlist*, a men's lifestyle magazine. It was published in the UK a year before the London 2012 Olympic Games.

### **When did you know you had a special talent?**

I was always running around as a kid and was always quick, so I won a lot of school races. But when I won the World Junior Championships, that made me realise I could do something big.

### **How much of your speed is natural?**

I am lucky that I have a lot of natural talent, but my success is all down to hard work. I could run under 10 sec now even if I didn't really train, but to win medals it's all about training on the track, working hard in the gym and improving my technique.

### **Did anyone ever say you weren't good enough or too tall?**

Not really, but sometimes when I was injured people would say it was because I was lazy or partying too much, which annoyed me. My height makes it harder to get out of the blocks, but when I get going, it helps my stride.

### **Were you also good at other sports?**

Yeah, I played cricket and football. I was a Number 3 batsman and a fast bowler. When I played football, I liked being a goalkeeper or a midfielder. I was probably better at cricket. I would be a very good cricketer if I was a professional now. I think I would probably have been the best, in fact.

### **What were you bad at?**

Anything over 400m. Seriously. Marathon? No chance.

### **Who were your sporting idols?**

I always looked up to [Jamaican sprinter] Donald Quarrie. I'm also a big Manchester United fan and I started supporting them because of Ruud van Nistelrooy, who scored all the goals.

### **Would you rather play cricket for the West Indies or football for Man United?**

Come on, don't ask me that question! If Man United wanted me, honestly I will be on it like this [hits his hand]. After the Olympics, when I'm 27, if Sir Alex Ferguson is still manager of Man United and he says to me, "Usain, I'll give you a contract right now to come to play for us," I'll be out.

### **What do you do when you go out?**

Listening to music makes me happy. I like to DJ and have played some sets in clubs.

### **Does your coach, Glen Mills, allow you blow-out days?**

[Laughs] My coach never tells me to go and do something bad. He would never say, "Go and eat chicken nuggets." He doesn't want to have it on his conscience. I might just say I'm going to eat them and he will say, "Ah, whatever." He knows being strict won't work.

### **What one treat would you like to have in your room in London?**

A PS3! Of course, man! It makes me relaxed. When I'm stressed, I just play video games. Say, for example, when NJ is stressing me out [NJ rolls his eyes], I'll just go into my room, lock my door, play about four hours of PlayStation and I'm good.

**What are you playing at the moment?**

Call Of Duty: Black Ops. I play it online and I'm pretty good.

**Do fans hunt you down?**

You cannot let them know it's you. I let a guy know it was me once and, oh man... They just want to prove, "Ah, I'm kicking Usain Bolt's ass." I can understand that. It's their moment.

**Do you have any famous mates?**

I'm big friends with [West Indies cricketer] Chris Gayle. I bowled him out once in a charity match and I kill him for it all the time. He was not happy.

**Where do you keep your medals?**

My medals are actually in a vault in a bank so that I can't lose them. I misplaced my World Championship medals for months, but I found them. They were in a bag in a closet. It's bad news when you can't find your medals, but I figured that I'd just go win some more.

**What makes you happy?**

Food, water... Ah, just kidding. When I'm at home, with my big-screen TV, my PlayStation, dinner, and being around friends, that's what makes me happy. Girls make me happy, too. Beautiful girls.

**Do sprinters psych one another out on the track?**

I'll joke with guys in my team such as Asafa (Powell) and (Yohan) Blake because we know each other. But I won't be like that with all the guys in the line if I don't know them so well, because I don't want anybody saying, "Oh, you're trying to put me off my race." Not everybody likes to joke around.

**Last question — what do you want to be remembered for?**

My rock-hard abs\*.

**Really?**

[Laughs] No, as a fun-loving, laid-back person – the man who brought joy to track and field.

Source: [www.shortlist.com/entertainment/sport/usain-bolt-interview](http://www.shortlist.com/entertainment/sport/usain-bolt-interview)

**Glossary**

- NJ* – Usain Bolt's agent, responsible for organising his professional engagements
- abs* – an abbreviation for abdominal muscles

## Text B

Text B is an edited extract from the speech given by 17-year-old Pakistani student Malala Yousafzai, upon being presented with the Nobel Peace Prize in December 2014. In 2012, Malala was seriously injured in an assassination attempt on her school bus by Taliban gunmen because of her campaigning for girls' rights to education.

*Bismillah hir rahman ir rahim.*

*In the name of God, the most merciful, the most beneficent.*

Your Majesties, Your royal highnesses, distinguished members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee,

Dear sisters and brothers, today is a day of great happiness for me. I am humbled that the Nobel Committee has selected me for this precious award.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and love. Thank you for the letters and cards that I still receive from all around the world. Your kind and encouraging words strengthens and inspires me.

I would like to thank my parents for their unconditional love. Thank you to my father for not clipping my wings and for letting me fly. *[Applause from audience]* Thank you to my mother for inspiring me to be patient and to always speak the truth - which we strongly believe is the true message of Islam. And also thank you to all my wonderful teachers, who inspired me to believe in myself and be brave.

I am proud, well in fact, I am very proud to be the first Pashtun, the first Pakistani, and the youngest person to receive this award. *[Applause]* Along with that, along with that, I am pretty certain that I am also the first recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize who still fights with her younger brothers. *[Laughter from audience]* I want there to be peace everywhere, but my brothers and I are still working on that. *[Laughter]*

I am also honoured to receive this award together with Kailash Satyarthi, who has been a champion for children's rights for a long time. Twice as long, in fact, than I have been alive. I am proud that we can work together, we can work together and show the world that an Indian and a Pakistani, they can work together and achieve their goals of children's rights. *[Applause]*

This award is not just for me. It is for those forgotten children who want education. It is for those frightened children who want peace. It is for those voiceless children who want change.

I am here to stand up for their rights, to raise their voice – it is not time to pity them. It is not time to pity them. It is time to take action so it becomes the last time, the last time, so it becomes the last time that we see a child deprived of education. *[Applause]*

I have found that people describe me in many different ways.

Some people call me the girl who was shot by the Taliban.

And some, the girl who fought for her rights.

Some people, call me a 'Nobel Laureate' now.

However, my brothers still call me that annoying bossy sister. *[Laughter]* As far as I know, I am just a committed and even stubborn person who wants to see every child getting quality education, who wants to see women having equal rights and who wants peace in every corner of the world. *[Applause]*

Education is one of the blessings of life - and one of its necessities. That has been my experience during the 17 years of my life. In my paradise home, Swat, I always loved learning and discovering new things. I remember when my friends and I would decorate our hands with henna on special occasions. And instead of drawing flowers and patterns we would paint our hands with mathematical formulas and equations. *[Laughter]*

We had a thirst for education, we had a thirst for education because our future was right there in that classroom. We would sit and learn and read together. We loved to wear neat and tidy school uniforms and we would sit there with big dreams in our eyes. We wanted to make our parents proud and prove that we could also excel in our studies and achieve those goals, which some people think only boys can.

But things did not remain the same. When I was in Swat, which was a place of tourism and beauty, suddenly changed into a place of terrorism. I was just ten – that more than 400 schools were destroyed. Women were flogged. People were killed. And our beautiful dreams turned into nightmares.

Education went from being a right to being a crime.

Girls were stopped from going to school.

When my world suddenly changed, my priorities changed too.

I had two options. One was to remain silent and wait to be killed. And the second was to speak up and then be killed.

I chose the second one. I decided to speak up. *[Applause]*

### **Glossary**

- Pashtun* – An ethnic group from Pakistan and Afghanistan to which Malala belongs
- Swat* – The mountain valley in Pakistan where Malala lived and went to school

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