

ESL Kids World: Jesse Owens: Olympic sports

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Write the correct past tense verb in the space provided.

In the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin there _____ (be) only two athletes with a chance to win the gold medal in the final of the long jump. One _____ (is) Lutz Long, a German Long jumper, and the other _____ (is) Jesse Owens, an African American from Cleveland. Adolf Hitler, the leader of Nazi Germany, _____ (is) in the stadium and he wanted Lutz to win.

Jesse Owens and Lutz Long _____ (be) in the long jump final of the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Jesse Owens _____ (have) some problems at the start of the competition and everybody in the stadium _____ (think) that Lutz Long was going to win. Then Long _____ (go) to talk to Owens. Their next two jumps _____ (be) both good. It _____ (be) a very exciting competition. Owens _____ (win) the gold medal with his last jump. After this, Long and Owens _____ (become) very good friends.

Owens _____ (die) in 1979.

1. What was the American athletes name?

2. Where were the athletes?

3. Who won the long jump?

4. Who became good friends?