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Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

The fastest boy in the world

Wesley Paul is a Chinese boy who lives in America. The famous newspaper, The New York Times, has called him "the fastest boy in the world". Let me tell you why this newspaper said this. Wesley was born in 1969. When he was three, his father started running every day, in order to lose weight. Wesley went with him, by the age of seven, Wesley was running 1.6 kilometers in six minutes, four seconds and could run a "marathon" in four hours and four minutes. A year later he reduced this time by more than an hour.

By the time he was nine, Wesley had taken part in six marathons every day and held thirty world records. Experienced coaches now think that Wesley will be the first person to run a marathon in less than two hours. Wesley was born with a body of a runner. His lungs can take in more oxygen than most people's and make far better use of it. But this alone would not make him a great runner, very hard training is also necessary. Wesley begins training every morning at 8.00 a.m. and runs for many kilometers. He does not run fast but everyday he tries to run further.

"First you build up endurance," he explained and speed follows. There is no one near his age who can keep up with him, so he cannot test himself by racing with other boys. Instead he competes with himself. He keeps setting records. One year he reduced his time for the marathon by fifteen minutes within a period of three weeks. In a year, he reduced it by more than an hour. It sometimes takes an adult marathon runner a whole year to improve by even ten minutes. But running is not the only thing that Wesley is good at, his favourite subject is Mathematics, but he also gets high marks in all other subjects. He likes to read science fiction and plans to be either a scientist or a doctor when he grows up. "The pupils in my class asked me to race at races", he says, "but I try to avoid it. I prefer playing games". Wesley enjoys being just another student even if he isn't.

a. Write true or false for the following statements.

i. Wesley was born with a body of runner. _____

ii. Running is the only thing that Wesley is good at. _____

b. Find a word with similar meaning **from the passage**.

i. essential _____

ii. to become less _____

c. Where does Wesley Paul live?

d. Which newspaper called him the fastest runner in the world?

e. Why did his father take up running when Wesley was three?

f. How old was he when he first ran a marathon in four hours and four minutes?

g. How many marathons had he run by the age of nine?

h. What does he wish to become once he grows up?
