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Josefine Hass, Trudy Wiczorek, and Otto Haas
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Race with a thief

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Otto Haas was a famous runner in Germany.
He ran 100 metres in 12.5 seconds.

And over 70 years later, he raced again.

Otto, his wife Josefine, and her sister, Trudy,
live in Kelowna.

They visited Vancouver in 2009.

In a parking lot,

a young thief took Josefine's purse.

Otto ran after him.

Josefine screamed and screamed.

Help came.

The thief could not escape.

Otto said, "I am surprised

I could run that fast."

Otto was 90 years old!

Exercise

Use the right be verb.

Choose the correct verbs
from the word bank to complete
the sentences.

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1. Otto _____ a famous runner in Germany.

2. Otto and Josefine _____ in Vancouver.

3. Otto said, "I _____ surprised."

4. Otto and Josefine _____ married.

5. Otto _____ 90 years old.

(Answers are on the next page.)

Answers:

1) was 2) were 3) am 4) are 5) was