



# The jumper with a blade

Markus Rehm is a long jumper from Germany. He runs down a track and then jumps into the sand — and he can jump really far!

When Markus was a teenager, he had an accident while wakeboarding. After that, he lost part of his right leg.

Markus didn't stop doing sport. He started using a **running blade** — a special leg made from metal and plastic — to help him move.

He trained every day and soon became one of the best long jumpers in the world.

He has won gold medals at the **Paralympic Games**, and his jumps are sometimes farther than athletes without disabilities.

Markus wants to compete in events with non-disabled athletes, but some people say that his blade might give him an **advantage**.

Others say that Markus works just as hard and should be allowed to race.

Markus says, "I want to show the world what is possible when you don't give up."

## Glossary

- **Paralympics** - a sports competition for athletes with disabilities
- **Blade** - a fake leg for running and jumping
- **Advantage** - something that helps you do better than others
- **Wakeboarding** - a sport where you ride on water, pulled by a boat.



## Questions

1. What sport does Markus do?

👉 *Markus does*

2. What happened to him as a teenager?

👉 *When he was a teenager, Markus..*

3. What special tool does he use?

👉 *He uses a*

4. Why do some people say his blade gives him an advantage?

👉 *Some people think the blade gives him an advantage because...*

5. What does Markus want to show the world?

👉 *Markus wants to show the world that...*