In today’s video we learnt how to ask about someone’s dreams and how to talk about what your dreams are.

1) Hope, ambition, aspire

In the video Usain talked about his dream:

"My dream at the London Olympics is to defend my titles successfully."

But we can also use other words to talk about plans for the future:

hope, ambition and aspiration.

Hope: My hope is to become a doctor.

Often when talking about life plans you can use the word ambition.

Ambition: My ambition is to own my own business.

A more formal word you can use is aspire:

Aspiration: I aspire to be a famous actor.
2) Dream expressions

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Below are some expressions which use the word dream.

a pipedream: an idea or plan that probably won't happen

a dreamworld: an imagined world

a dream team: a group of people who are the perfect mix

a daydream: a series of pleasant thoughts, especially about things that you would like to happen.

Now complete the sentences with the correct expression.

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Answers

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Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport. In this series you will hear sporting stories and learn some English. It is only one year until the London 2012 Olympics! And the world’s fastest man will be competing in the 100 metres. Usain Bolt from Jamaica holds the world record with a time of 9.58 seconds. So, let's hear from the 'running man' Usain Bolt. Listen out for what his dream is for the London 2012 Olympics.

I'm Usain Bolt from Jamaica and my dream at the London 2012 Olympics is to defend my titles successfully.

Usain said his dream for the London 2012 Olympics is to defend his titles successfully. Meaning he wants to win the same races as he did before.

My dream is to defend my titles successfully.

Usain Bolt talked about his dream. Let’s listen to people in London talking about their dreams.
Vox pops

My dream is to be a photographer.

My dream is to travel around the world.

My dream is to work in Australia.

On screen

My dream is...

Presenter

I'm Natalie and that's all from Talking Sport.

Why not try out this week’s worksheet for some extra learning?

See you next time.