## P4 Explaining motion

## Activity AP4.11 A 100 m race

These drawings show a sprinter running a 100 m race.
They are from photographs taken at intervals of 1.0 seconds.
There is a scale so that you can see exactly where the sprinter is at each moment.


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You are going to draw a distance-time graph.

## To do

1 Examine each picture carefully.
2 Which point on the sprinter's body would be best to use as a reference point? (This is the point you will use to decide the distance the sprinter has run.)


3 Make a table of the distance run and the time taken.
4 Use the pictures to fill in the table.
5 Plot a distance-time graph of the sprinter's motion.


## To answer

(using your graph)
6 Did the sprinter's speed change during the race?
7 Describe how the motion changed.
8 At what time (roughly) did he cross the finish line?
9 Calculate his average speed for the whole race:
average speed $=\frac{\text { total distance }}{\text { total time }}$

