

Ray Ewry

When he was a child, Ray Ewry became ill with a fever. It turned **30** _____ that he had polio. Polio is a disease that **31** _____ people to become paralyzed. Ray gradually got better, but he found that his legs had been weakened by his illness. The doctors thought that leg exercises might help him regain his strength. But they **32** _____ Ray that he probably would never be able to walk and run as he once had.

For the next few years, Ray exercised daily. He did everything his doctors had recommended and more. After a while he could tell that his hard work was paying **33** _____. His legs became stronger and stronger. He even began to take part in track and field events.

Soon Ray could jump higher and farther than most people. So, he entered the Olympics in 1900 and **34** _____ up for three contests. He entered the standing high jump; the standing long jump; and the standing hop, step, and jump. He won gold medals, or first place, in all three events.

Ray repeated his amazing **35** _____ in 1904 and planned to try again in 1906. But before the next games, the hop, step, and jump was dropped from the list of events. So, Ray had to settle for only two gold medals in 1906 and two again in 1908. Ray had indeed overcome his illness. Today, he **36** _____ the record for the most Olympic gold medals ever given to any one person.

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