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Level 4

Russia faces athletics suspension

13th November, 2015

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THE READING

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A damaging report from the World Anti-Doping Agency has turned the athletics world upside down. It also called for lifetime bans for 10 Russian athletes. The agency says doping is everywhere in Russian athletics and is state sponsored. The country could be banned from international competitions if it does not accept the claims and take action. The International Association of Athletics Federations will call for Russia to be suspended from competitions.

Russian officials have called the report "groundless" and "unfounded". Its Sports Minister said the possibility of Russia being banned from the 2016 Olympics was unthinkable. He stated: "We have young sportsmen, for whom it will be their first Olympics." He added that: "Clean sportsmen should not suffer. They achieve their results by hard work." A spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin said there was no evidence for the accusations.

Sources: <http://www.theguardian.com/sport/2015/nov/10/russia-iaaf-facing-suspension-wada-doping-report>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A damaging | a. sponsored |
| 2. turned the athletics world upside | b. report |
| 3. It also called for lifetime | c. down |
| 4. The agency says doping is | d. Athletics Federations |
| 5. state | e. everywhere |
| 6. take | f. from competitions |
| 7. The International Association of | g. bans |
| 8. call for Russia to be suspended | h. action |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Russian officials have called the | a. banned |
| 2. Sports | b. not suffer |
| 3. the possibility of Russia being | c. by hard work |
| 4. young | d. report "groundless" |
| 5. it will be their | e. sportsmen |
| 6. Clean sportsmen should | f. Minister |
| 7. They achieve their results | g. for the accusations |
| 8. there was no evidence | h. first Olympics |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) _____ from the World Anti-Doping Agency has turned the athletics world (2) _____. It also called for lifetime bans for 10 Russian athletes. The agency says (3) _____ in Russian athletics and is (4) _____. The country could be banned from international competitions if it does not (5) _____ and take action. The International Association of Athletics Federations will call for Russia to (6) _____ from competitions.

Russian officials have called the (7) _____ and "unfounded". Its Sports Minister (8) _____ of Russia being banned from the 2016 Olympics (9) _____. He stated: "We have young sportsmen, (10) _____ be their first Olympics." He added that: "Clean sportsmen should not suffer. They (11) _____ by hard work." A spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin said there was (12) _____ the accusations.

ATHLETICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about athletics in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

