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Russia faces athletics suspension

13th November, 2015

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THE READING

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A damning report from the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has turned the athletics world upside down. It also called for lifetime bans for 10 Russian athletes. It claims that doping is prevalent throughout Russian athletics. The country could be suspended from international competitions if it does not acknowledge the claims and take drastic actions to address them. The report also says that doping in Russian athletics was state sponsored. Senior figures in the International Association of Athletics Federations will recommend that Russia be suspended from competitions.

Russian officials have hit back and called the report "groundless". Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko said the possibility of Russia being banned from the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro was "inconceivable". He stated: "I would not like to consider such an option. 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 and that the accusations, "appear rather unfounded".

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 damning | a. bans |
| 2. turned the athletics world upside | b. of Athletics Federations |
| 3. It also called for lifetime | c. report |
| 4. It claims that doping is prevalent throughout | d. down |
| 5. take drastic | e. from competitions |
| 6. state | f. Russian athletics |
| 7. the International Association | g. actions |
| 8. recommend that Russia be suspended | h. sponsored |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Russian officials have hit | a. an option |
| 2. the possibility of Russia | b. evidence |
| 3. I would not like to consider such | c. being banned |
| 4. sportsmen for whom it will be | d. suffer |
| 5. Clean sportsmen should not | e. unfounded |
| 6. They achieve their results | f. back |
| 7. Putin said there was no | g. by hard work |
| 8. the accusations appear rather | h. their first Olympic |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) _____ the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has turned the athletics (2) _____. It also called for lifetime bans for 10 Russian athletes. It claims that doping (3) _____ throughout Russian athletics. The country could be suspended from international competitions if it (4) _____ the claims (5) _____ actions to address them. The report also says that doping in Russian athletics was state sponsored. Senior figures in the International Association of Athletics Federations will recommend that Russia (6) _____ competitions.

Russian officials (7) _____ and called the report "groundless". Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko said the possibility of Russia being banned from the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro (8) _____. He stated: "I would (9) _____ consider such an option. We have young sportsmen, (10) _____ be their first Olympics." He added that: "Clean sportsmen (11) _____. They achieve their results by hard work." A spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin said there (12) _____ and that the accusations, "appear rather unfounded".

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)

