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## **Level 3**

# **Reports of doping cover-up in athletics**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

An article in the British newspaper The Sunday Times claims that around a third of the world's top athletes at a major event cheated by using drugs. The newspaper says a study was carried out during the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea in 2011. It showed that 29-34 per cent of the 1,800 competitors had used performance-enhancing drugs in the previous 12 months. Reporters say that the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) knew about the report but blocked its publication. The study was conducted by Germany's University of Tübingen. The IAAF said there were many things wrong with the report. It added that it is in discussions to help publish it one day.

The details in the report are a huge shock to the athletics world. The Sunday Times reports that one-third of the medals in endurance races at the Olympics and World Championships were won by athletes who had very unusual blood readings. The World Anti-Doping Agency said on Friday that it would investigate the claims in the report. It said an independent commission has already started work on this. The lead author of the report, Dr Rolf Ulrich, told The Sunday Times that he and his colleagues were ordered not to discuss their research or the report. He said: "It's because the IAAF is blocking it. I think they are stakeholders with WADA and they just blocked the whole thing."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. ATHLETICS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about athletics. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*article / athletes / cheated / drugs / study / performance / publication / discussions / details / endurance / races / blood / independent / investigate / colleagues / blocked*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. PERFORMANCE:** How can athletes perform better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Benefits	Problems
Food		
Sleep		
Computers		
Training		
Competition		
Drugs		

**4. DRUGS:** Students A **strongly** believe there will always be drugs in sport are very bad idea; Students B **strongly** believe that drugs in sport are OK if performances improve. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. TRACK AND FIELD:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- 100 metres
- javelin
- marathon
- high jump
- hammer throw
- 1,500 metres
- pole vault
- 400-metre relay

**6. ATHLETE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "athlete". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. A British newspaper had an article about a drugs cover-up.                | T / F |
| b. The article claimed a third of athletes at an athletics event used drugs. | T / F |
| c. The article said researchers looked at over 2,000 athletes.               | T / F |
| d. The IAAF said it does not want to publish the report.                     | T / F |
| e. The details in the report were not a surprise to the athletics world.     | T / F |
| f. The article said a third of medal winners had unusual blood readings.     | T / F |
| g. The World Anti-Doping Agency will not act on the details in the report.   | T / F |
| h. The researcher thinks athletics chiefs are blocking the report.           | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. article     | a. obstructed |
| 2. top         | b. done       |
| 3. carried out | c. entire     |
| 4. blocked     | d. very big   |
| 5. wrong       | e. report     |
| 6. huge        | f. strange    |
| 7. unusual     | g. co-workers |
| 8. investigate | h. best       |
| 9. colleagues  | i. look into  |
| 10. whole      | j. incorrect  |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. An article in the             | a. help publish it        |
| 2. around a third of the world's | b. enhancing drugs        |
| 3. a major                       | c. his colleagues         |
| 4. performance-                  | d. to the athletics world |
| 5. it is in discussions to       | e. British newspaper      |
| 6. a huge shock                  | f. of the report          |
| 7. endurance                     | g. claims in the report   |
| 8. investigate the               | h. top athletes           |
| 9. The lead author               | i. races                  |
| 10. he and                       | j. event                  |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

An (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the British newspaper The Sunday Times claims that around a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's top athletes at a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ event cheated by using drugs. The newspaper says a study was carried out (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea in 2011. It showed that 29-34 per cent of the 1,800 competitors had used (5) \_\_\_\_\_ -enhancing drugs in the previous 12 months. Reporters say that the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) knew about the report but (6) \_\_\_\_\_ its publication. The study was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ by Germany's University of Tübingen. The IAAF said there were many things (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with the report. It added that it is in discussions to help publish it one day.

*performance*  
*major*  
*article*  
*conducted*  
*third*  
*wrong*  
*blocked*  
*during*

The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the report are a huge shock to the athletics world. The Sunday Times reports that one-third of the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in endurance races at the Olympics and World Championships were won by athletes who had very unusual (11) \_\_\_\_\_ readings. The World Anti-Doping Agency said on Friday that it would (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in the report. It said an independent commission has already started work on this. The lead (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of the report, Dr Rolf Ulrich, told The Sunday Times that he and his colleagues were (15) \_\_\_\_\_ not to discuss their research or the report. He said: "It's because the IAAF is blocking it. I think they are (16) \_\_\_\_\_ with WADA and they just blocked the whole thing."

*blood*  
*author*  
*details*  
*stakeholders*  
*investigate*  
*ordered*  
*medals*  
*claims*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

- 1) Around a third of the world's top athletes at a major event \_\_\_\_\_ drugs.
  - a. cheated buy using
  - b. cheated but using
  - c. cheated bet using
  - d. cheated by using
- 2) It showed that 29-34 per cent of the 1,800 competitors had used \_\_\_\_\_ drugs
  - a. performance-enhance in
  - b. performance-enhancer
  - c. performance-enhancing
  - d. performance-enhanced
- 3) the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) \_\_\_\_\_ report
  - a. new about the
  - b. know about the
  - c. knew about the
  - d. news about the
- 4) The IAAF said there were many things \_\_\_\_\_ report.
  - a. wrong with the
  - b. wrong within the
  - c. wrong with a
  - d. wrong within a
- 5) It added that it is in discussions to help publish \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. it once a day
  - b. it once day
  - c. it one day
  - d. it one daily
- 6) The details in the report are a huge shock \_\_\_\_\_ world
  - a. too the athletics
  - b. to the athletics
  - c. two the athletics
  - d. thru the athletics
- 7) races at the Olympics and World Championships were won by athletes \_\_\_\_\_ blood readings
  - a. who had very unusually
  - b. who had very unusual
  - c. who had very an use all
  - d. who had very an use you all
- 8) The World Anti-Doping Agency said on Friday that it would investigate \_\_\_\_\_ report
  - a. the claims in the
  - b. the clams in the
  - c. the cranes in the
  - d. the calms in the
- 9) he and his colleagues were ordered not to discuss their \_\_\_\_\_ report
  - a. research or the
  - b. research for the
  - c. research more the
  - d. researcher the
- 10) I think they are stakeholders with WADA and they just blocked \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the hole thing
  - b. the whole thing
  - c. the hold thing
  - d. the foal thing

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

1. What is the name of the newspaper?

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2. What year's athletics event did researchers look into?

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3. How many competitors did researchers look at?

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4. What kind of drugs did reporters say the athletes had taken?

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5. From which country is the university that did the research?

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6. Who is the report a huge shock to?

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7. What kind of blood readings does the article say some athletes had?

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8. What organisation will investigate the claims?

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9. Who is Rolf Ulrich?

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10. Who does Mr Ulrich think is blocking the publication of the report?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

1. What is the name of the newspaper?
  - a) The New York Times
  - b) The Monday Times
  - c) The Sunday Times
  - d) The Athletics Times
2. What year's athletics event did researchers look into?
  - a) 2011
  - b) 2012
  - c) 2013
  - d) 2014
3. How many competitors did researchers look at?
  - a) 1,800
  - b) 1,900
  - c) 2,000
  - d) 1,700
4. What kind of drugs did reporters say the athletes had taken?
  - a) run-faster drugs
  - b) performance-enhancing drugs
  - c) class-A drugs
  - d) semi-legal drugs
5. From which country is the university that did the research?
  - a) Guatemala
  - b) Ghana
  - c) Georgia
  - d) Germany
6. Who is the report a huge shock to?
  - a) the IAAF
  - b) the athletics world
  - c) The Sunday Times
  - d) WADA
7. What kind of blood readings does the article say some athletes had?
  - a) unusual
  - b) poor
  - c) standard
  - d) dangerous
8. What organisation will investigate the claims?
  - a) IOC
  - b) UNESCO
  - c) WADA
  - d) IAAF
9. Who is Rolf Ulrich?
  - a) a journalist
  - b) head of the IAAF
  - c) an athlete
  - d) the lead researcher
10. Who does Mr Ulrich think is blocking the publication of the report?
  - a) the IAAF and WADA
  - b) the IMF and WHO
  - c) The Sunday Times
  - d) athletes

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – 100 metres**

You think the 100-metres is the best athletics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): marathon, the pole vault or the javelin.

## **Role B – Marathon**

You think the marathon is the best athletics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): 100-metres, the pole vault or the javelin.

## **Role C – Pole vault**

You think the pole vault is the best athletics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): marathon, 100-metres or the javelin.

## **Role D – Javelin**

You think the javelin is the best athletics event. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their events. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): marathon, the pole vault or 100-metres.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'cover' and 'up'.

<b>cover</b>	<b>up</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• article</li><li>• cheated</li><li>• 2011</li><li>• 12</li><li>• knew</li><li>• day</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• details</li><li>• medals</li><li>• investigate</li><li>• started</li><li>• colleagues</li><li>• whole</li></ul>
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# ATHLETICS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

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.

# ATHLETICS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'athletics'?
- 3) How much do you like athletics?
- 4) What were you like at athletics at school?
- 5) What is your favourite athletics event?
- 6) What do you think of people who cheat in sports?
- 7) How difficult is it to stop people cheating in sports?
- 8) Should medal winners return their medals if they used drugs?
- 9) How easy is it to believe in world records?
- 10) What is wrong with performance-enhancing drugs in sport?

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# ATHLETICS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Which is best, track or field?
- 13) What should happen to athletes who are caught cheating?
- 14) Is it more exciting if athletes take drugs and break records?
- 15) Why do you think the IAAF don't want the report to be published?
- 16) Which is better, athletics or other sports?
- 17) Would you like to be an athlete?
- 18) Why are some people good at athletics and others aren't?
- 19) Which is better – the 110 metres or the marathon?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the boss of IAAF?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

An article in the British newspaper The Sunday Times claims that around a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's top athletes at a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ event cheated by using drugs. The newspaper says a study was carried (3) \_\_\_\_\_ during the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea in 2011. It showed that 29-34 per cent of the 1,800 competitors had used performance-enhancing drugs in the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 12 months. Reporters say that the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) knew about the report but blocked its publication. The study was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ by Germany's University of Tübingen. The IAAF said there were many things wrong with the report. It added that it is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ discussions to help publish it one day.

The details in the report are a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ shock to the athletics world. The Sunday Times reports that one-third of the medals in endurance races at the Olympics and World Championships were won by athletes who had very (8) \_\_\_\_\_ blood readings. The World Anti-Doping Agency said on Friday that it would investigate the claims in the report. It said an independent commission has already started work (9) \_\_\_\_\_ this. The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ author of the report, Dr Rolf Ulrich, told The Sunday Times that he and his colleagues were (11) \_\_\_\_\_ not to discuss their research or the report. He said: "It's because the IAAF is blocking it. I think they are stakeholders with WADA and they just blocked the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ thing."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |               |               |                |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) thirdly    | (b) thirds    | (c) three     | (d) third      |
| 2.  | (a) majorly    | (b) majors    | (c) majority  | (d) major      |
| 3.  | (a) up         | (b) out       | (c) in        | (d) away       |
| 4.  | (a) previously | (b) prevent   | (c) previous  | (d) prevents   |
| 5.  | (a) predicted  | (b) reflected | (c) conducted | (d) inducted   |
| 6.  | (a) in         | (b) on        | (c) up        | (d) at         |
| 7.  | (a) hugs       | (b) huge      | (c) hugging   | (d) hugged     |
| 8.  | (a) unusual    | (b) unlimited | (c) unnerving | (d) unraveling |
| 9.  | (a) in         | (b) on        | (c) at        | (d) up         |
| 10. | (a) load       | (b) lied      | (c) lead      | (d) lad        |
| 11. | (a) ordering   | (b) orders    | (c) ordered   | (d) order      |
| 12. | (a) realistic  | (b) really    | (c) hole      | (d) whole      |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. An leictra in the British newspaper
2. the world's top tealsthe
3. oereanfpmrc-enhancing drugs
4. in the poureivs 12 months
5. etdccnodu by Germany's University of Tübingen
6. it is in sondsisucsi to help

## Paragraph 2

7. The atislde in the report
8. medals in dunerneca races
9. very uuulsna
10. it would snteaaitvig the claims
11. The lead artohu of the report
12. discuss their cheserar



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) The details in the report are a huge shock to the athletics world. The Sunday Times reports that one-
- ( ) The Sunday Times that he and his colleagues were ordered not to discuss their research or the report. He said: "It's
- ( ) third of the medals in endurance races at the Olympics and World Championships were won
- ( ) by athletes who had very unusual blood readings. The World Anti-Doping Agency said on
- ( ) Friday that it would investigate the claims in the report. It said an independent
- ( ) blocked its publication. The study was conducted by Germany's University of Tübingen. The IAAF said there were many
- ( ) because the IAAF is blocking it. I think they are stakeholders with WADA and they just blocked the whole thing."
- ( ) 12 months. Reporters say that the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) knew about the report but
- ( ) commission has already started work on this. The lead author of the report, Dr Rolf Ulrich, told
- ( ) athletes at a major event cheated by using drugs. The newspaper says a study was carried
- ( **1** ) An article in the British newspaper The Sunday Times claims that around a third of the world's top
- ( ) that 29-34 per cent of the 1,800 competitors had used performance-enhancing drugs in the previous
- ( ) out during the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea in 2011. It showed
- ( ) things wrong with the report. It added that it is in discussions to help publish it one day.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

1. athletes top world's the of third A event major a at .

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2. Used -enhancing drugs in the previous 12 months performance .

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3. blocked about its the publication report but Knew .

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4. report the with wrong things many were there said IAAF The .

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5. day It is in discussions to help publish it one.

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6. report huge The the a in are shock details.

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7. endurance One of in third medals races - the.

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8. athletes very readings by had blood Won who unusual.

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9. work started already has commission independent An.

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10. their His ordered discuss were to research colleagues not.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1508/150818-athletics.html>

An *article / artistry* in the British newspaper The Sunday Times claims that around a *thirdly / third* of the world's top athletes at a *majority / major* event cheated *by / as* using drugs. The newspaper says a study was *conducted / carried* out during the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea in 2011. It *showed / shown* that 29-34 per cent of the 1,800 competitors had *used / useful* performance-enhancing drugs in the *previously / previous* 12 months. Reporters say that the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) knew *around / about* the report but blocked its publication. The study was conducted by Germany's University of Tübingen. The IAAF said there were many things wrong with the report. It added that it is in discussions to help *publication / publish* it one day.

The details in the report are a *hug / huge* shock to the athletics world. The Sunday Times reports that one-third of the medals in endurance *race / races* at the Olympics and World Championships were *winning / won* by athletes who had very *unusually / unusual* blood readings. The World Anti-Doping Agency said on Friday that it would *investigate / instigate* the claims in the report. It said an independent commission has *ready / already* started work on this. The *lead / iron* author of the report, Dr Rolf Ulrich, told The Sunday Times that he and *this / his* colleagues were ordered not to discuss their research or the report. He said: "It's because the IAAF is *booking / blocking* it. I think they are stakeholders with WADA and they just blocked the *hole / whole* thing."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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\_n \_rt\_cl\_ \_n th\_ Br\_t\_sh n\_wsp\_p\_r Th\_ S\_nd\_y  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the details in the report are a huge shock to the athletics world the sunday times reports that one-third of the medals in endurance races at the olympics and world championships were won by athletes who had very unusual blood readings the world anti-doping agency said on friday that it would investigate the claims in the report it said an independent commission has already started work on this the lead author of the report dr rolf ulrich told the sunday times that he and his colleagues were ordered not to discuss their research or the report he said "it's because the iaaf is blocking it i think they are stakeholders with wada and they just blocked the whole thing"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about drugs and athletics. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. ATHLETICS:** Make a poster about athletics. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. DOPING:** Write a magazine article about athletics. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on athletics. Ask him/her three questions about athletics. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to stop doping in athletics. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T    b T    c F    d F    e F    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. article     | a. report     |
| 2. top         | b. best       |
| 3. carried out | c. done       |
| 4. blocked     | d. obstructed |
| 5. wrong       | e. incorrect  |
| 6. huge        | f. very big   |
| 7. unusual     | g. strange    |
| 8. investigate | h. look into  |
| 9. colleagues  | i. co-workers |
| 10. whole      | j. entire     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The Sunday Times
2. 2011
3. 1,800
4. Performance-enhancing drugs
5. Germany
6. The athletics world
7. Unusual ones
8. World Anti-Doping Agency
9. The lead author of the report
10. The IAAF and WADA

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. a    4. b    5. d    6. b    7. a    8. c    9. d    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)