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Adidas ends sponsorship of athlete Tyson Gay

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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1307/130717-tyson_gay-4.html

Sportswear maker Adidas has put on hold its sponsorship of runner Tyson Gay after he failed a drugs test. Mr Gay is the joint second-fastest man ever to run 100 metres, and has the fastest time this year. He tested positive for a banned drug in May. Adidas said the news was shocking and that the contract was suspended, even if it thought Gay might be innocent. Adidas can end the contract if Gay is guilty of using or having drugs. It has sponsored him since 2005.

Gay is now waiting for the results of his B-test, after the illegal drug was found in his A-test. He said he did not knowingly use anything bad. He told reporters: "I don't have a sabotage story. I basically put my trust in someone and was let down. I know exactly what went on, but I can't discuss it." Gay hopes to run again and said he would "take whatever punishment I get like a man." Jamaica's ex-100m world record holder Asafa Powell also failed a drugs test.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/athletics/23317715>
<http://www.espn.co.uk/athletics/sport/story/221579.html#>
<http://olympictalk.nbcsports.com/2013/07/15/tyson-gay-adidas-suspends-positive-drug-test/>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Sportswear | a. fastest man ever |
| 2. put | b. was suspended |
| 3. the joint second- | c. be innocent |
| 4. the contract | d. maker |
| 5. Gay might | e. of using or having drugs |
| 6. guilty | f. on hold |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. waiting for the | a. record holder |
| 2. he did not knowingly | b. I get like a man |
| 3. I don't have a sabotage | c. and was let down |
| 4. I basically put my trust in someone | d. results of his B-test |
| 5. take whatever punishment | e. story |
| 6. Jamaica's ex-100m world | f. use anything bad |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Sportswear maker Adidas (1) _____ sponsorship of runner Tyson Gay after he (2) _____. Mr Gay is the joint second-fastest man ever to run 100 metres, (3) _____ time this year. He (4) _____ a banned drug in May. Adidas said the news was shocking and that the contract (5) _____, even if it thought Gay might be innocent. Adidas (6) _____ if Gay is guilty of using or having drugs. It has sponsored him since 2005.

Gay is now waiting (7) _____ his B-test, after the illegal drug was found in his A-test. He said he (8) _____ use anything bad. He told reporters: "I don't have (9) _____. I basically put my trust in someone (10) _____. I know exactly what went on, but (11) _____." Gay hopes to run again and said he would "take whatever punishment I get like a man." Jamaica's ex-100m (12) _____ Asafa Powell also failed a drugs test.

DOPING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about doping 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)

FREE WRITING

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Write about **doping** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
