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Adidas ends sponsorship of athlete Tyson Gay

17th July, 2013

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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1307/130717-tyson_gay-5.html

Sportswear manufacturer Adidas has suspended sponsoring U.S. sprinter Tyson Gay after he failed a drugs test. Mr Gay, 30, is the joint second-fastest man ever to run 100 metres, and clocked the fastest time this year. He tested positive for a banned substance in May. An Adidas spokesman said the allegations were shocking. He said: "Even if we presume his innocence until proven otherwise, our contract with Tyson is currently suspended." It has the right to end the contract if an athlete is guilty of using or having drugs or other forbidden substances. Adidas has sponsored Gay since 2005.

Gay is currently waiting to hear the results of his B-test, after the illegal drug was found in his initial A-test. He told reporters that he did not knowingly take part in any doping programme. He said: "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 right now." He said he was still optimistic and hoped to run again. He added that he would "take whatever punishment I get like a man." News of Gay's test came after Jamaica's Asafa Powell, a former 100m world record holder, 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. of using or having drugs |
| 2. the joint second- | b. until proven otherwise |
| 3. An Adidas spokesman said the | c. substances |
| 4. Even if we presume his innocence | d. fastest man ever |
| 5. our contract with Tyson is | e. manufacturer |
| 6. guilty | f. since 2005 |
| 7. other forbidden | g. allegations were shocking |
| 8. Adidas has sponsored Gay | h. currently suspended |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. currently waiting | a. and hoped to run again |
| 2. he did not knowingly take | b. and was let down |
| 3. I don't have a sabotage | c. world record holder |
| 4. I basically put my trust in someone | d. part in any doping |
| 5. I know exactly | e. story |
| 6. he was still optimistic | f. to hear the results |
| 7. take whatever punishment | g. what went on |
| 8. a former 100m | h. I get like a man |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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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.
