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Level 0

Reports of doping cover-up in athletics

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THE READING

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A newspaper has said that a third of the world's top athletes at the 2011 World Athletics Championships cheated. A study showed that 29-34 per cent of athletes used drugs in the year before the games. Reporters say that the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) knew about this.

The report is a big shock. The newspaper said medal winners in long-distance races had unusual blood tests. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) said it would investigate. The author of the report was told not to discuss it. He said the IAAF and WADA "just blocked the whole thing".

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/athletics/33948924>
http://espn.go.com/olympics/trackandfield/story/_/id/13439986/world-anti-doping-agency-investigates-ard-sunday-s-doping-allegations
<http://wwos.ninemsn.com.au/article.aspx?id=9019182>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a third of the world's top | a. drugs |
| 2. the 2011 World Athletics | b. Athletics Federations |
| 3. A study | c. athletes |
| 4. 29-34 per cent | d. this |
| 5. used | e. Championships |
| 6. in the year before | f. of athletes |
| 7. International Association of | g. showed that |
| 8. knew about | h. the games |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The report is a | a. discuss it |
| 2. medal | b. distance races |
| 3. long- | c. investigate |
| 4. unusual blood | d. big shock |
| 5. it would | e. thing |
| 6. The author of | f. winners |
| 7. told not to | g. the report |
| 8. blocked the whole | h. tests |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A newspaper (1) _____ a third of the world's top (2) _____ 2011 World Athletics Championships cheated. A study showed that (3) _____ of athletes used drugs in (4) _____ the games. Reporters (5) _____ International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) (6) _____.

The report (7) _____. The newspaper said medal winners (8) _____ races had (9) _____. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) said (10) _____. The author of the report was told (11) _____. He said the IAAF and WADA "just blocked (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **athletics** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
