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## **Level 1**

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

**18th August, 2015**

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# THE READING

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A British newspaper has said that a third of the world's top athletes at the 2011 World Athletics Championships in South Korea cheated by using drugs. A study showed that 29-34 per cent of the athletes used performance-enhancing drugs in the year before the games. Reporters say that the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) knew about the report but blocked it. The IAAF said there were many things wrong with it.

The report is a big shock to the athletics world. The newspaper said that a third of the medal winners in endurance races had unusual blood readings. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) said it would investigate the report. The lead author of the report said that he and his co-workers were told not to discuss their research or the report. He said he thought that the IAAF and WADA "just blocked the whole thing".

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1508/150818-athletics-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a third of the world's       | a. using drugs           |
| 2. the 2011 World Athletics     | b. the games             |
| 3. cheated by                   | c. wrong with it         |
| 4. 29-34 per cent               | d. Athletics Federations |
| 5. the year before              | e. top athletes          |
| 6. International Association of | f. Championships         |
| 7. knew about the report but    | g. of the athletes       |
| 8. there were many things       | h. blocked it            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The report is a big  | a. readings       |
| 2. the athletics        | b. their research |
| 3. a third of the medal | c. of the report  |
| 4. endurance            | d. shock          |
| 5. unusual blood        | e. races          |
| 6. The lead author      | f. thing          |
| 7. discuss              | g. world          |
| 8. blocked the whole    | h. winners        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A study showed that 29-34 per cent of the athletes used performance-enhancing (4) \_\_\_\_\_ before the games. Reporters say that the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) (5) \_\_\_\_\_ report but blocked it. The IAAF said there were (6) \_\_\_\_\_ with it.

The report (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the athletics world. The newspaper said that (8) \_\_\_\_\_ medal winners in endurance races had unusual (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) said it would investigate the report. The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ report said that he and his co-workers were (11) \_\_\_\_\_ their research or the report. He said he thought that 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)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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h)

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