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Tiger Woods takes break to repair his life

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. TIGER WOODS: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Tiger Woods. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

Tiger Woods / sagas / sponsors / clean images / consultancy companies / slogans / car accidents / hospital treatment / extramarital affairs / repairing damage / golf

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

3. SPONSORSHIP: What companies would be best sponsors of these people? Complete this table with your partners. Change partners and share what you heard.

Person	Best sponsor	Why?
Your country's leader		
Nelson Mandela		
UN General-Secretary		
US President		
Madonna		
You & your partner		

4. SCANDAL: Students A **strongly** believe Tiger Woods will come back from this scandal much stronger; Students B **strongly** believe this is the end of Tiger. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. IMAGE: How much damage can these things cause someone's image? Rank them and share your rankings with your partner. The worst thing at the top. Change partners and share your ratings again.

- extramarital affairs
- taking drugs
- cheating to win
- saying bad things about rivals
- fighting in clubs and bars
- domestic violence
- having corrupt politicians as friends
- a dark, secret past

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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|--|-------|
| a. Tiger Woods told reporters he will take a one-year break from golf. | T / F |
| b. So far, all of Woods' sponsors are supporting him. | T / F |
| c. One sponsor has removed photos of Woods on its website. | T / F |
| d. Nike will end its contract with Woods in three weeks. | T / F |
| e. Woods was turned upside down in a car crash. | T / F |
| f. Woods hit his wife with his car because she hit him with a golf club. | T / F |
| g. Tiger said it would be no problem to get things back to normal. | T / F |
| h. Woods wants to see what he can do to be a better family man. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. saga | a. presently |
| 2. affairs | b. specialists |
| 3. experts | c. staying |
| 4. revelations | d. actions |
| 5. sticking | e. guessing |
| 6. minor | f. story |
| 7. speculation | g. unspecified |
| 8. currently | h. relationships |
| 9. indefinite | i. small |
| 10. attention | j. reports |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. his string of | a. searching |
| 2. he is taking a hiatus | b. clean image |
| 3. less-than-squeaky- | c. their man |
| 4. global management | d. down |
| 5. sticking with | e. affairs |
| 6. turned upside | f. affairs |
| 7. extramarital | g. my attention |
| 8. The golfing | h. from golf |
| 9. soul | i. consulting company |
| 10. I need to focus | j. great |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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images

image

announced

slogan

continues

sticking

return

keep

Woods' life and career turned _____ down on November 27 when he had a _____ car accident near his home. He needed hospital treatment for cuts to his face. Newspapers soon reported his wife chased the car and hit it with a golf club. The _____ followed this with speculation about a _____ of extramarital affairs Woods had. More than ten women are currently telling newspapers the story of their relationship with him. The golfing _____ said: "It may not be possible to repair the _____ I've done, but I want to do my best to try...After much _____ searching, I have decided to take an indefinite break from professional golf. I need to focus my _____ on being a better husband, father and person."

damage

media

attention

upside

great

minor

soul

number

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The Tiger Woods saga continues following more _____ of affairs. He has just announced on his website that he is "taking a hiatus from golf" and does _____ will return. At the same time, his sponsors are pulling back from supporting him. They are worried his now less-_____ image will no longer help sell their products. The global management consulting company Accenture has removed _____ of Woods from its website. Experts believe Accenture may find it _____ its "Go on, be a Tiger" slogan following revelations about Woods' many girlfriends. It seems Nike, one of Woods' biggest sponsors, _____ man, for now.

Woods' life and career _____ on November 27 when he had a minor car accident near his home. He needed _____ cuts to his face. Newspapers soon reported his wife chased the car and hit it with a golf club. The media followed this _____ a number of extramarital affairs Woods had. More than ten women _____ newspapers the story of their relationship with him. The golfing great said: "It may not be possible to repair the damage I've done, but I want to do my best to try...After _____, I have decided to take an indefinite break from professional golf. I need to focus my _____ a better husband, father and person."

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

upside	down
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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">• saga• string• pulling• images• difficult• sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• upside• cuts• media• great• soul• better
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STUDENT TIGER WOODS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Tiger Woods 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.

TIGER WOODS DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the name 'Tiger Woods'?
- c) What do you think of the Tiger Woods saga?
- d) Has your opinion of Tiger Woods changed?
- e) What do you think of people who have a string of affairs?
- f) Do you think Tiger Woods' supporters should stick with him?
- g) Do you think it's important for sports stars to have a squeaky-clean image?
- h) Why is the "Go on, be a Tiger" slogan not a good idea right now?
- i) Why is the world so interested in this story?
- j) How much will this scandal damage Tiger?

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TIGER WOODS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) Has anything in your life ever turned upside down?
- c) Have you ever needed hospital treatment?
- d) What do you think the real story is of Tiger's car crash?
- e) Do you think Tiger's wife should forgive him and stay with him?
- f) Do you think Tiger's girlfriends should tell their story to the papers?
- g) How important are role models for young people?
- h) Do you think Tiger can repair the damage?
- i) When was the last time you did any soul searching?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Tiger Woods?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) following | (b) follow | (c) follows | (d) followed |
| 2. | (a) rope | (b) wool | (c) string | (d) cotton |
| 3. | (a) for | (b) far | (c) of | (d) from |
| 4. | (a) low | (b) less | (c) small | (d) fewer |
| 5. | (a) take | (b) have | (c) do | (d) find |
| 6. | (a) stick | (b) stickler | (c) sticking | (d) sticker |
| 7. | (a) over | (b) down | (c) up | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) treatment | (b) treats | (c) treated | (d) treating |
| 9. | (a) number | (b) numeral | (c) numerical | (d) numeracy |
| 10. | (a) grate | (b) good | (c) great | (d) well |
| 11. | (a) sole | (b) sale | (c) seal | (d) soul |
| 12. | (a) attentive | (b) attention | (c) attends | (d) attendance |

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WRITING

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Write about **Tiger Woods** for 10 minutes. Correct your partner's paper.

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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 Tiger Woods. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TIGER WOODS: Make a poster about Tiger Woods and his life. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. DAMAGE: Write a magazine article about how to limit the damage Tiger Woods has done to his life. Include imaginary interviews with Tiger and his wife.

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. LETTER: Write a letter to Tiger Woods. Ask him three questions about the scandal. Give him three pieces of advice on what he can do to repair the damage. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

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

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GAP FILL:

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LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - a 2 - c 3 - d 4 - b 5 - d 6 - c 7 - b 8 - a 9 - a 10 - c 11 - d 12 - b