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Lance Armstrong banned and loses titles

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Cycling officials have banned cycling legend Lance Armstrong for life after the cyclist stopped fighting doping charges. The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) also said Armstrong should have his seven Tour de France titles taken away from him. The International Cycling Union (ICA) has not yet commented on if it will also ban the U.S. cyclist and take away his titles. Armstrong said he was tired of fighting those who said he used drugs to improve his performances while racing. The USADA said the fact that Armstrong is no longer fighting proves he is guilty. Many in the cycling world still believe Armstrong is innocent.

The lifetime ban means all of his results and victories dating back to 1998 will be erased. He won the hearts of millions by defeating cancer in 1996. He then won the Tour de France seven times between 1999 and 2005. Tour de France organisers said they would wait to see what happens between the USADA and ICA before taking any action. Armstrong told reporters the USADA was a corrupt organisation: "If I thought for one moment that by participating in USADA's process, I could confront these allegations in a fair setting and - once and for all - put these charges to rest, I would jump at the chance," he said.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. cycling | a. doping charges |
| 2. the cyclist stopped fighting | b. of fighting |
| 3. it will also ban | c. cycling world |
| 4. Armstrong said he was tired | d. legend |
| 5. used drugs to improve | e. the U.S. cyclist |
| 6. Many in the | f. his performances |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. lifetime | a. setting |
| 2. He won the hearts | b. for all |
| 3. defeating | c. at the chance |
| 4. in a fair | d. cancer |
| 5. once and | e. ban |
| 6. I would jump | f. of millions |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Cycling officials have (1) _____ Lance Armstrong for (2) _____ stopped fighting doping charges. The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) also said Armstrong should have his seven Tour de France titles (3) _____. The International Cycling Union (ICA) has (4) _____ on if it will also ban the U.S. cyclist and take away his titles. Armstrong said he was tired of fighting those who said he (5) _____ his performances while racing. The USADA said the fact that Armstrong is no longer fighting (6) _____. Many in the cycling world still believe Armstrong is innocent. The lifetime ban means all of his (7) _____ dating back to 1998 will be erased. He (8) _____ millions by defeating cancer in 1996. He then won the Tour de France seven times between 1999 and 2005. Tour de France organisers (9) _____ to see what happens between the USADA and ICA before (10) _____. Armstrong told reporters the USADA was a corrupt organisation: "If I thought for one moment that by participating in USADA's process, I could confront these allegations (11) _____ and - once and for all - put these charges to rest, I would (12) _____," he said.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Cycling officials have banned cycling legend Lance Armstrong for (1) _____ after the cyclist stopped fighting doping (2) _____. The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) also said Armstrong should have his seven Tour de France titles (3) _____ away from him. The International Cycling Union (ICA) has not (4) _____ commented on if it will also ban the U.S. cyclist and take away his titles. Armstrong said he was tired (5) _____ fighting those who said he used drugs to improve his performances while racing. The USADA said the fact that Armstrong is no longer fighting (6) _____ he is guilty. Many in the cycling world still believe Armstrong is innocent.

The lifetime ban (7) _____ all of his results and victories dating back to 1998 will be erased. He won the (8) _____ of millions by defeating cancer in 1996. He then won the Tour de France seven times between 1999 and 2005. Tour de France organisers said they would wait to (9) _____ what happens between the USADA and ICA before taking (10) _____ action. Armstrong told reporters the USADA was a corrupt organisation: "If I thought for one moment that by participating in USADA's process, I could confront these allegations in a (11) _____ setting and - once and for all - put these charges to rest, I would (12) _____ at the chance," he said.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) life | (b) living | (c) lifestyle |
| 2. | (a) changes | (b) charges | (c) challenges |
| 3. | (a) took | (b) taken | (c) takes |
| 4. | (a) yet | (b) still | (c) already |
| 5. | (a) for | (b) as | (c) of |
| 6. | (a) proof | (b) proves | (c) profits |
| 7. | (a) means | (b) meanings | (c) meanie |
| 8. | (a) legs | (b) heads | (c) hearts |
| 9. | (a) listen | (b) see | (c) feel |
| 10. | (a) any | (b) much | (c) lots |
| 11. | (a) fare | (b) fear | (c) fair |
| 12. | (a) jog | (b) jaunt | (c) jump |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Cycling afilsifco
2. cycling lnedge
3. fighting ipognd charges
4. ripvmeo his performances
5. proves he is uligyt
6. Armstrong is otiencnn

Paragraph 2

7. mitelief ban
8. etsursl and victories
9. won the sahrte of millions
10. wait to see what anpehps
11. in a fair igentst
12. I would jump at the ehcnca

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () titles taken away from him. The International Cycling Union (ICA) has not yet commented on if it will also
- () millions by defeating cancer in 1996. He then won the Tour de France seven times between 1999 and
- () used drugs to improve his performances while racing. The USADA said the fact that Armstrong is no longer
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- () moment that by participating in USADA's process, I could confront these allegations in a fair
- () ban the U.S. cyclist and take away his titles. Armstrong said he was tired of fighting those who said he
- () charges. The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) also said Armstrong should have his seven Tour de France
- () fighting proves he is guilty. Many in the cycling world still believe Armstrong is innocent.
- () any action. Armstrong told reporters the USADA was a corrupt organisation: "If I thought for one
- () 2005. Tour de France organisers said they would wait to see what happens between the USADA and ICA before taking
- () The lifetime ban means all of his results and victories dating back to 1998 will be erased. He won the hearts of
- () setting and - once and for all - put these charges to rest, I would jump at the chance," he said.

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. doping cyclist fighting charges The stopped.

2. Tour titles seven France away his de taken Have.

3. Ban his and U.S. the titles take away cyclist.

4. his improve to drugs used He performances.

5. innocent is Armstrong believe Still.

6. erased to 1998 Victories will dating be back.

7. millions cancer won of defeating He hearts by the.

8. happens what see to wait would They.

9. allegations these Confront setting fair a in.

10. would at chance I jump the.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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. DOPING: Search the Internet and find more information about the doping charges against Lance Armstrong. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about doping. Include an imaginary interview with Lance Armstrong. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a doping expert. Ask him/her three questions about doping in sport. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.