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### **Doping**

Sarah: Wentworth, have you heard of this vast scandal in Tour de France?

W: About this cyclist who used illegal substances to increase his performances?

Sarah: Yes, he says he has never knowingly taken any banned substances, but he faces a two-year ban after testing positive for EPO, a performance-enhancing drug.

W: It's crazy. Has sport lost out to chemistry? The use of these steroids has long been one of the darkest aspects of sport.

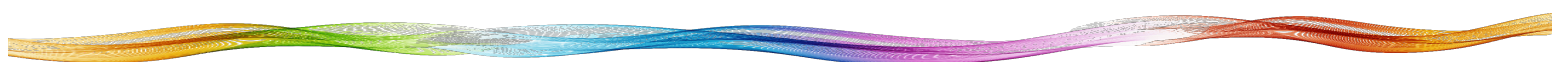
Sarah: The sad thing is that today, nobody can come near the drug-propelled records set by some in the seventies and eighties, and not only is doping against the spirit of sport but also it harms athletes. I heard that a side effect of EPO is that it thickens the blood and can cause heart attacks or strokes.

W: I know... and some drugs are undetectable with the technology that sports officials currently use to catch drug cheats. The development of undetectable gene doping is a frightening prospect.

Sarah: I can't understand why some athletes would risk trading health for wealth, are they stupid or what?

W: Well, fortunately the vast majority of sportsmen and women want to play cleanly and fairly. But there is so much money at stake in football, tennis or cycling that some players may be tempted to take drugs designed to maximise performance.

Sarah: I have the feeling that driving doping out of sport may prove impossible.





**GLOSSARY:**

Doping	Chemistry
To use	Steroids
To increase	The darkest aspect
To face:	The drug-propelled records
To lose out	Seventies
To set	Eighties
To harm	The spirit
To thicken	Athletes
To catch	A side effect
To frighten	Blodd
To risk	Heart attack
To trade	A stroke
To play	sports officials
To be tempted to	Drug cheats
To take drugs	Gene doping
To design	Frightening prospect
To maximise	Health
To drive out	Wealth
To prove	A vast majority
A vast scandal	Sportsmen
A cyclist	Cycling
Illegal substances	Knowingly
Performances	Undetectable
Banned substances	Cleanly and fairly
A two-year ban	At stake
Testing positive	
a performance-enhancing drug	



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