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### **Sport, technology and money**

W: Sarah, don't you think that sport is now totally reliant on technology?

Sarah: what do you mean?

W: I mean that nowadays, the competition is less about "let the best man win" than "let the best machine win".

Sarah: Surely. By technology, do you mean a glass-fibre pole, a neoprene swimsuit or a titanium racket?

W: Exactly. Technological advances have had a major effect on performance. To talk about tennis, players use stiffer rackets that make serves of more than a two hundred twenty five kilometre per hour almost ensure victory. As records in technical events such as the pole vault have raced ahead of those that depend on pure sporting prowess.

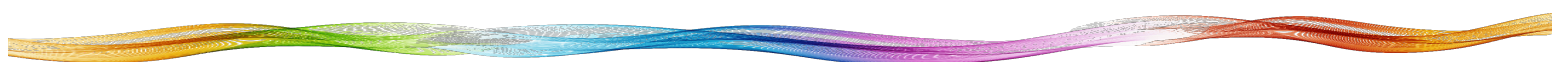
Sarah: So the question is has technology stolen the soul of sport, and should high-tech equipment which alters the nature of sports be banned?

W: Quite possibly. But money is also responsible. In the old days, players earned more than the average worker, but they also rode home on the bus with them. Money is pouring into football and many other sports, as the figures attest.

Sarah: Isn't it disgraceful that top-level sportsmen should earn as much money while there is so much poverty in the world?

W: Definitely, but they'll tell you as an excuse that a player's career is short...

Sarah: well, some players have already organized their re-training as some football stars who pocket huge sums of money thanks to advertising, so don't tell me they fear poverty!





**GLOSSARY:**

Sport, technology and money	Serves
To be reliant on	Victory
To win	Records
To use	Technical events
To ensure	Pole vault
To race ahead	Pure sporting prowess
To depend on	The soul of sport
To steal/stole/stolen	High-tech equipment
To alter	In the old days
To ban	The average worker
To earn	The figures
To ride/rode/ridden home	Top-level sportsmen
To pour	Poverty
To attest	Re-training
To organize	Football stars
To pocket : empocher	Huge sums of money
To fear	Advertising
The best man	Nowadays
The best machine	Such as
A glass-fiber pole	Responsible
A neoprene swimsuit	Disgraceful
A titanium racket	Thanks to
Technological advances	
A major effect	
Players	
Stiffer rackets	



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