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6 Minute English worksheet

The Enhanced Games



Listen to the full episode here: https://bbc.in/3TsjZvB

1. **Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**

2. **Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**
   - What do the presenters say the episode is about?
   - What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

3. **Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

a) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

b) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

c) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

d) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

e) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

f) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

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4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?

5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.

1. What is unusual about The Enhanced Games?
   a) competitors are allowed to use performance-enhancing drugs
   b) competitors are aged over 50
   c) competitors are amateurs

2. Which adjective means 'causing disagreement and argument between people'?
   a) decisive
   b) derisive
   c) divisive

3. What does 'doping' refer to?
   a) smoking recreational drugs
   b) failing high school exams
   c) using banned substances to perform better in sports

4. What nickname have critics given The Enhanced Games?
   a) The Doping Olympics
   b) The Cheating Games
   c) The Lance Armstong Olympics

5. "It's OK for parents to be strict, but if they bully their children, they've _____."
   a) crossed the road
   b) crossed the line
   c) broken the line

6. Which verb means 'to treat something as normal or acceptable when it previously was not'?
   a) narrate
   b) normalise
   c) notify

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6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.

7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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Answers

3.

a. doping – (informal) using banned substances to perform better in a sports competition

b. it's fair to say – used to introduce a statement which the speaker believes is balanced, reasonable or true

c. divisive – causing disagreement and argument between people

d. cross the line – start behaving in an unacceptable way

e. set a good/bad example – behave in a way that encourages others to behave well/badly

f. normalise – treat something as normal or acceptable when it previously was not

5. 1a, 2c, 3c, 4a, 5b, 6b

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Teacher's notes
This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet and adapt it as necessary.

Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.

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