

Title:	Call for Olympic athletes beaten by alleged drug cheats in the past to be recognised
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KEY WORDS

Below is a list of words which appear in the report - can you match the words with their correct definition? Use a dictionary to help you if you aren't sure.

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become widely known or evident	
challenge, come face to face with someone with an argument	
degree, amount	
examination, close observation, inspection	
insist, state strongly to be the case	
locate, find after a difficult search	
opponent, competitor	
refer to, mention	
relating to or affecting a system as a whole	
something left or handed down, consequence	
suspicious, suspect, questionable	
with effect from a date in the past	

systemic doping (adj)
rival (n)
come up against (pv)
legacy of a period (n)
maintains she was cheated (v)
extent of involvement (n)
come to light
track down (pv)
confront (v)
cite (v)
retrospectively apply (adv)
dubious history (adj)
under scrutiny (n)

SUMMARY

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FOCUS QUESTIONS

- Which countries were thought to be routinely drug cheating in the past? What drugs were being taken?
- Why were many Olympic athletes able to get away drug cheating in the past?
- How do you think Raelene Boyle feels about coming second at an Olympic Games to someone she is very sure was a drug cheat? What questions do you think she would like to ask the athlete who beat her?
- Do you think the International Olympic Committee should investigate drug cheating from the past? If there is evidence of drug cheating, what should they do?



LISTENING

First watch the report and answer the questions

- At which Olympics did Australian sprinter Raelene Boyle win a silver medal?
- What was the nationality of the woman who beat her and who she believes was a drug cheat?
- How many Olympic silver medals did Raelene Boyle win during her career?
- How old was she when she won her first?

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

After watching the report, try to answer the following questions

1. If Raelene Boyle hadn't won that first life changing medal, what does she say she might have ended up doing?
2. How many of her medals does she say she was cheated out of by Renata Stecher?
3. When questioned by the ABC journalist, does Renata Stecher admit to ever having doped?
4. What was the response from Thomas Bach, the International Olympic Committee president, to Raelene Boyle's calls for a comprehensive investigation into past doping?
5. What does former president of the World Anti-Doping Agency, John Fahey, think about the idea of stripping former East German athletes of their medals if there was evidence of doping?
6. According to sports historian Tara Magdalinski, why weren't steroids banned in 1972?

CLOZE

Use the words to complete the sentences

The form of the word may need to be changed

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cite	retrospectively	dubious	scrutiny	

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13. Two years after the man had been executed for murder, new DNA evidence which showed he was innocent.

ANSWERS

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