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Overview: Suggestions for using the **Macmillan Dictionary BuzzWord** article on *moto-doping* and the associated worksheet.

Total time for worksheet activities: 45 minutes

Suggested level: Upper intermediate and above

1. If you intend to use the worksheets in class, go to the *BuzzWord* article at the web address given at the beginning of the worksheet and print off a copy of the article. Make a copy of the worksheet and the *BuzzWord* article for each student. You might find it helpful not to print a copy of the Key for each student but to check the answers as a class.
2. If the members of your class all have computer access, ask them to open the worksheet before they go to the *BuzzWord* article link. Make sure they do not scroll down to the Key until they have completed each exercise.
3. Encourage students to read through the questions in Exercise 1 before they look at the *BuzzWord* article. Ask them to read through the whole article carefully and answer the questions. Tell them to compare their answers with a partner. Then check the answers as a class.
4. Ask students to complete Exercise 2 without looking back at the article, and then compare their answers with a partner. Check the answers as a class.
5. Exercise 3 highlights the meaning of some phrasal verbs within the text. Remind students that they only need to look in the paragraph specified for each phrasal verb. Check the answers as a class. Note that *date back to*, *go through*, *rely on* and *resort to* are all identified by Macmillan as 'red' phrasal verbs, indicating that they are common and important to learn. As an extension activity, students could be asked to write sentences of their own using the phrasal verbs in the exercise.
6. Exercise 4 features vocabulary related to a bicycle. As an opener and an aid to understanding, you might like to provide a simple image of a standard bicycle with a crossbar (e.g. <http://efdreams.com/data/images/dreams/bicycle/bicycle-10.jpg>). Ask the students to complete the exercise, and if they need extra support, start by pointing out some of the words on the image (e.g. *handlebars*, *mudguard* (n.b. = *fender* in US usage), *saddle*, etc) to help them make the connection to the definitions. Check the answers as a class. Other useful vocabulary items might include *carrier* (or *pannier*) and *gears*. If time permits, students might also be interested to explore some verbs related to riding a bicycle, such as *backpedal*, *coast*, *freewheel*, etc (see the Macmillan Dictionary thesaurus panel 'Riding a bicycle or motorcycle', accessed at the verb entry for *cycle*, for more useful vocabulary).
7. Exercise 5 features the meaning of some higher level vocabulary from the text. Ask students to first complete it without looking back at the text, and then find the words in context to check their answers (the words in the exercise are in the order in which they appear in the text). Check the answers as a class.
8. Exercise 6 highlights some further words in the domain of being dishonest: a selection of verbs, adjectives and nouns which students may well encounter in news reports or official statements, etc. Complete the exercise as a class activity, and explore the nuances in meaning (e.g. *defraud* always involves money, *fix* is used in relation to the results of an

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election or sporting event, etc), and the fact that some of these words occur in different parts of speech with related senses (e.g. *fake* is also an adjective, *cheat* can be a noun □ which like *fraud* can also refer to a dishonest person as well as an action). You may also wish to explain the meaning of *disqualify* in question 2 (= to not allow someone to take part in something because they've broken the rules).

9. As a wind-up discussion, ask if students or anyone they know has encountered a situation involving dishonesty. What happened? What were the consequences?

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Go to the **Macmillan Dictionary BuzzWord** article at:

<http://www.macmillandictionary.com/buzzword/entries/moto-doping.html>

1 Find the information

Read the **BuzzWord** article on *moto-doping* and answer these questions.

1. What term is used to describe something taken illegally by a sportsperson to make them stronger, faster, etc?
2. What competitive sport is *moto-doping* connected with?
3. What is the meaning of the related word *moto-doper*?
4. Which important sporting events will now include careful checks for *moto-doping*?
5. In what year was the problem of *moto-doping* first identified?
6. What is a *pedelec*?

2 Comprehension check

Choose the correct answer according to the text.

1. The motors used in *moto-doping* are ...
 - a. very small
 - b. not safe
 - c. extremely efficient
2. In competitive cycling, success depends on ...
 - a. the bicycle
 - b. the cyclist
 - c. the bicycle and the cyclist
3. The motor is hidden in ...
 - a. the frame
 - b. the handlebars
 - c. the seat
4. The water bottle hides ...
 - a. the wiring
 - b. batteries
 - c. the on/off switch
5. The hidden motor gives the cyclist ...
 - a. a huge advantage
 - b. a small but significant advantage
 - c. no real advantage

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6. The Dutch word *doop* means ...
- drug
 - dip
 - sauce

3 Find the phrasal verbs

Look in the text and find the correct words to complete the following phrasal verbs. The first letters are given.

- a phrasal verb meaning *to be looking at something and not paying attention to anything else*
 (paragraph 1) be g_____ t_____
- a phrasal verb meaning *to experience something difficult*
 (paragraph 1) g_____ t_____
- a phrasal verb meaning *to do something extreme or unpleasant in order to solve a problem*
 (paragraph 1) r_____ t_____
- a phrasal verb meaning *to depend on something*
 (paragraph 2) h_____ o_____
- a phrasal verb meaning *to need something in order to continue working properly*
 (paragraph 2) r_____ o_____
- a phrasal verb meaning *to be made or begun at a particular time in the past*
 (paragraph 6) d_____ b_____ t_____

4 Anatomy of a bicycle

Match the two parts of the definitions.

- The chain
 - Handlebars
 - A mudguard is
 - A pedal is a part
 - The saddle
 - Brakes
 - A crossbar is
- that you push with your foot in order to operate a bicycle.
 - is the seat on a bicycle.
 - the metal bar on a bicycle that is between the seat and the handlebars.
 - is the circle of connected metal parts that turns the wheels of a bicycle.
 - a piece of curved metal or plastic over a wheel of a bicycle that stops water and dirt from hitting the rider.
 - are the part of a bicycle that you hold with your hands and use for controlling it.
 - are what you use for slowing down or stopping.

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5 What do they mean?

Circle the word or phrase on the right that has a similar meaning to the word on the left.

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| 1. strive | want to have / make a lot of effort / refuse |
| 2. miniscule | extremely small / invisible / not important |
| 3. mar | mark / injure / spoil |
| 4. conceal | decorate / put away / hide |
| 5. enhancement | correction / improvement / change |
| 6. rumour | information that may be true / false information / truth |
| 7. prestigious | big and expensive / colourful and pretty / admired and respected |
| 8. catchy | attracting attention / easy to use / difficult to understand |

6 Being dishonest

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

cheat	defraud	fake	falsify
fix	fraud	fraudulent	illegal

- The painting turned out to be a _____. It was practically worthless.
- Anyone caught _____ will immediately be disqualified from the competition.
- The most shocking discovery was that Mr Katz had _____ investors out of \$1.3 million.
- It was later revealed that the election results had been _____.
- Thousands of pounds were mistakenly paid out in _____ insurance claims.
- The documents they provided had clearly been _____.
- It's _____ to drive a car without a licence.
- He's standing trial for tax _____ because of irregularities in the company accounts.

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1 Find the information

1. performance enhancing drug / PED
2. cycling
3. a competitive cyclist who uses a hidden motor to gain an unfair advantage
4. The Tour de France and Rio Olympics
5. 2010
6. a motorized bicycle

2 Comprehension check

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

3 Find the phrasal verbs

1. be glued to
2. go through
3. resort to
4. hinge on
5. rely on
6. date back to

4 Anatomy of a bicycle

1. d.
2. f.
3. e.
4. a.
5. b.
6. g.
7. c.

5 What do they mean?

1. make a lot of effort
2. extremely small
3. spoil
4. hide
5. improvement
6. information that may be true
7. admired and respected
8. attracting attention

6 Being dishonest

1. fake
2. cheating
3. defrauded
4. fixed
5. fraudulent
6. falsified
7. illegal
8. fraud