

## WORKSHEET – Student Version

Fill in the blanks using the expressions below.

Each expression should be used once.

### Expressions (in random order):

- admit to bribery
- positive outcome
- performance-enhancing drugs
- disclose
- boost one's self-esteem
- bribe
- reveal
- run checks on
- speculations
- expose

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## ANSWER KEY – Teacher Version

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