

# Grade 7 Life Orientation Worksheet

## Running

### Passage and questions (Individual activity)

Read the following story about world-famous sprinter, Marion Jones.

**Marion Jones** Wikipedia

#### ***The first woman to win five medals at one Olympics***

The fastest woman on Earth, and arguably the best female athlete in the world, Marion Jones can outrun just about anyone on the [track](#).

**Marion Lois Jones**, also known as **Marion Jones-Thompson** (born October 12, 1975 in [Los Angeles, California](#)), is an [American](#) former world champion [track and field athlete](#). She won five medals at the [2000 Summer Olympics](#) in [Sydney, Australia](#) but has since agreed to forfeit all medals and prizes dating back to September 2000 after admitting that she took performance-enhancing drugs.

In October 2007, Jones admitted she doped, having taken [steroids](#) before the Sydney 2000 Summer Olympics and acknowledged that she had, in fact, lied when she previously denied steroid use in statements to the press, to various sports agencies, and—most significantly—to two [grand juries](#).

On January 11, 2008, US District Judge Kenneth Karas sentenced Jones to six months in prison and 200 hours of community service for [perjury](#) relating to her using of steroids.

#### **Sprinter Marion Jones' records wiped out**

#### **IAAF eliminates Jones' results, orders her to pay back \$700,000**

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MONTE CARLO, Monaco – Her career in disgrace and a prison sentence possibly looming, Marion Jones can no longer even take solace in seeing her name beside her greatest feats in the record books.

What's more, track and field's governing body wants Jones – who insists she is broke – to pay back about \$700,000 of her winnings.

The International Association of Athletics Federations on Friday annulled all of Jones' results dating to September 2000, including her Olympic and world championship titles, because of doping, and told her to return her prize money from that period.

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The organisation also recommended that Jones's relay teammates be disqualified and lose their medals from the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

The IAAF council upheld the two-year ban imposed by US officials. Jones retired last month after pleading guilty to lying to federal investigators in 2003. Jones admitted she had taken the designer steroid "the clear" from September 2000 to July 2001.

Jones has returned her five Olympic medals and agreed to forfeit all results dating to Sept. 1, 2000.

Jones won golds in the 100 meters and the 200 and 4x400-meter relay and bronzes in the 4x100 relay and long jump in Sydney. In 2001, she won gold in the 200 and silver in the 100.

Answer the following questions in full sentences:

1. How many medals did Marion Jones win at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney? [1]
2. Why has Marion Jones agreed to forfeit all medals and prizes dating back to September 2000? [1]
3. What did Marion Jones do that caused her to lose her medals, prize money and titles? [2]
4. Why was Marion Jones jailed for this offence? [2]
5. The second article says, "Her career in disgrace..." Do you think that is true? [2]
6. In your opinion, do you think there is too much fuss over performance-enhancing drugs, or are the rules good rules? Give reasons for your argument. [4]
7. Why do you think people take performance-enhancing drugs even though there may be side-effects? [2]
8. Do you think that only Marion Jones suffered or was 'disgraced' because of this incident? [4]
9. If you were a reporter and could ask Marion Jones one question at a press conference, what would you ask her? [2]

Total marks = [20]

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### Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	1	Marion Jones won 5 medals at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney.
2	1	Marion Jones agreed to forfeit all medals and prizes dating back to September 2000 after admitting that she took performance-enhancing drugs.
3	2	Marion Jones took performance-enhancing drugs, which are illegal.
4	2	Marion Jones was jailed because she lied – twice – to a Grand Jury about the doping allegations. Lying to a Grand Jury is a very serious offence.
5	2	Own opinion. (Learners can mention that taking performance-enhancing drugs is the same as cheating, which is not fair play. Lying is also not something for her to be proud of. After many years of glory, she must feel quite ashamed.)
6	4	Own opinion. (Learners can cover issues such as fairness of taking drugs and rules as a control measure; effects the drugs have on your body.)
7	2	Own opinion. (Striving for perfection. Wanting to be the best. Wanting to achieve more. Wanting to reach physical peaks which are otherwise not attainable. Needing to win, etc.)
8	4	Own opinion. (This incident would have affected the whole American Olympic team. It would have also been very hard on her family and friends; after being proud of their 'hero' they now had to share in her disgrace. It also affects her relay teammates who, as the article says, may be disqualified and also lose their gold medals from the 2000 Sydney Olympics because of this incident, etc.)
9	2	Own opinion.
Total marks: 20		