

Today's Headlines:

EU not at risk after Brexit, says Juncker

US athletes' medical files hacked

Human ancestor mystery solved

Transcript:

The president of the European Commission says the EU is in crisis but not at risk as a result of Brexit. In his first 'state of the union' **address** since Britain voted to leave the EU, Jean-Claude Juncker warns there are too many areas where cooperation between nations is lacking.

Confidential medical files of US Olympic athletes, including the gymnast Simone Biles and tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams, have been **leaked** by Russian hackers. A Russian news agency published details of banned drugs being taken under doping rules.

Scientists think they may have **cracked** how Lucy, our human ancestor who lived more than 3 million years ago, actually died. Lucy was discovered in Ethiopia in 1974. New research shows she may well have fallen out of a tree.

Words and definitions:

address

formal speech

leaked

made secret information public

cracked

(here) understood something previously unexplained

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Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

address / leaked / cracked

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