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News Review

Sharapova's failed drug test



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The sportswear company Nike says it's suspending its relationship with the Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova after she announced that she'd failed a drugs test at this year's Australian Open.

Nike said it would await the **outcome** of an investigation.

Sharapova earlier said she had **tested positive** for meldonium, a drug used to treat blood flow restriction, and had failed to notice that the tennis authorities had moved it to the list of banned substances last December. She said that she had **let her fans down**.

Maria Sharapova

Throughout my long career I have been very open and honest about many things and I take great responsibility and professionalism in my job every single day and I made a huge mistake.

Language challenge

Which of these is NOT a phrasal verb?

- a) Let off
- b) Let on
- c) Let over

Answer

c) Let over

Vocabulary

outcome

final result

tested positive

had banned drugs found in her body following a medical test

let her fans down

made her supporters disappointed by not reaching the standard they expected

suspend

stop something for a period of time

let down

made people disappointed by not reaching the standard they expected

tarnishing

making people have a lower opinion of something or someone