



- 1. identification parade
  [aɪˌdentɪfɪ'keɪʃ∘n pəˌreɪd]
  UK, line-up ['laɪn ʌp] N. Am.
- 2. suspect['sAspekt]
- 3. dog handler ['dog ˌhændlə]
- 4. riot police ['raɪət pəˌliːs]
- 5. radio ['reɪdiəu]
- 6. traffic officer ['træfɪk ˌɒfɪsə]
- 7. police patrol vehicle [pəˌliːs pəˈtrəʊl ˌviːɪkəl], squad car [ˈskwɒd kɑː]
- 8. flashing lights [

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  in 'laits]
- 9. warrant card ['wɒrənt kaːd]
- 10. police officer [pəˈliːs ˌɒfɪsə]
- 11. holster ['həʊlstə]
- 12. gun [gʌn]
- 13. handcuffs ['hændkʌfs]
- 14. breathalyser ['breθəlaizə]
- 15. plain-clothes police officer [,plein kləuðz pə'li:s ,pfisə]
- 16. unmarked police car [¡ʌnmaːkt pəˈliːs kaː]

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# Police work

It's their job to stop crime, keep public order and help in emergencies. ANNA HOCH-SIEDER presents language to talk about police work.

MEDIUM PLUS

#### **Brent Police bulletin for 8 January**

A man was caught **shoplifting** this morning in the High Street branch of Dixon's. The **store detective** tried to **detain** him, but the **suspect made off** with a laptop computer. He is described as a white male of average build in his early twenties. **Eyewitnesses** are requested to contact Brent Police on 618 2994.

Brent Police are **appealing for** information after a man **suffered serious head injuries** on Sunday evening. The **victim** was **robbed** outside Barclay's Bank in Victoria Road. Anyone who **witnessed** the **assault** or who saw any **suspicious activity** around 10 p.m. on 7 January is asked to contact Brent Police on 618 2986.

A 37-year-old woman has been **arrested** in connection with a fatal **hit-and-run incident** on Neal Street. Police **responded to** an anonymous phone call at 2 a.m. on Sunday. A 20-year-old man was **found dead** at the **scene**. An SUV with a running engine had been abandoned by its driver. The owner of the vehicle has been **charged with manslaughter**. If you have any information on the incident, please call the **investigating officer** on 618 2970.

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#### **PRACTICE**

Now try the following exercises to practise talking about police work.



Exercise 1

Complete this text by circling the correct words in bold.

Two young men have been (A) arrested / caught on suspicion of (B) **stealing/robbing** a man while he was getting money from a cash point. An eyewitness reported the (C) accident / incident and was able to identify the (D) **suspects/victims** in an identification parade.

Exercise 3

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Which verbs and prepositions go together? Match the sentence halves below.

- A. A teenager has been charged...
- B. Two police officers
- C. Scotland Yard is appealing...

responded...

D. The thieves ran away...

- 1. with jewellery worth more than £100,000.
- 2. for the public's help with a murder investigation.
- 3. to the call and arrived at the crime scene minutes later.
- 4. with assault after robbing and injuring a young woman.

#### Exercise 2

What kind of police officer? Complete the definitions below (A–E) with words from the opposite page.

- A. A(n) ..... is a police officer who does not wear a uniform.
- are police officers who are trained and equipped to deal with violent protests.
- C. A(n) is a police officer who deals with traffic control.
- is a police officer whose job it is to find out the truth about a crime.
- E. A(n) is a police officer who works with a trained dog.

#### Singular or plural?

- "Police" is a plural collective noun and is followed by a plural verb: The police are questioning a suspect.
- An individual who works for the police is a "police officer", "policeman", "policewoman" or, informally, a "cop".
- To refer to a number of police officers, you can say, for example: "Hundreds of police in riot gear stood outside the building."

## Exercise 4



Complete the sentences below with nouns from the opposite page.

- A. Showing his ...., the police officer introduced himself as Sergeant Frank Mason.
- B. The policeman put a pair of around the suspect's wrists.
- test proved that the driver had been drinking well over the limit.
- D. The police officer pulled his gun out of its and pointed it at the suspect.

#### appeal [əˈpiːəl]

dringend bitten

#### assault [əˈsəːlt]

Angriff

#### charged: be ~ with sth. [t∫a:dʒd]

 unter Anklage gestellt werden wegen etw.

crime scene ['kraım siːn]

Tatort

#### evewitness ['aɪˌwɪtnəs]

Augenzeuge, -zeugin

#### investigation

 $[in_{i}vesti'geif^{\flat}n]$ 

Ermittlung

### riot gear ['raiət giə]

Kampf-, Einsatzanzug

#### rob [rob]

ausrauben, berauben

#### suspicion [səˈspɪʃən]

Verdacht

### wrist [rist]

Handgelenk



Answers

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A. plain-clothes police officer
B. Riot police
C. traffic officer
D. investigating officer
E. dog handler



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