

## Unit 1 The world of law enforcement

**assault (n)** a physical attack on someone  
**badge (n)** symbol or emblem worn on a police uniform or carried by detectives to show they are policemen  
**baton (n)** a short stick carried by a policeman and used as a weapon  
**book (v)** to charge someone with an offence  
**briefing (n)** a meeting where officers receive information and updates  
**bullet-proof (adj)** can stop or is resist bullets, e.g. bullet-proof glass  
**civilian (n)** a person who does not work in law enforcement or for the military  
**custody (n)** when you are detained in a cell by police, they hold you in custody  
**customs (n)** government department that collects taxes on imports and prevents illegal imports  
**defuse (v)** to make a bomb safe so that it cannot explode  
**enforce (v)** to make people obey something  
**escort (v)** to go with or accompany someone somewhere  
**fight (n)** an argument or dispute when people attack each other physically  
**gun (n)** a weapon that fires bullets  
**handcuffs (n)** a pair of metal rings locked around someone's wrists to restrain them  
**hostage (n)** someone who is held as a prisoner by a person or group until they receive money or meet specific demands  
**illegal (adj)** against the law  
**injury (n)** physical damage to the body  
**investigate (v)** to carry out an official enquiry to find out something about someone  
**kidnapping (n)** to abduct or take someone by force and hold them prisoner; usually for money  
**kit (n)** special clothing and equipment  
**monitor (v)** to check something regularly  
**offender (n)** person who breaks a law  
**partner (n)** person you work with closely, usually as a pair  
**patrol (n)** a regular tour (on foot or by car) made by a law enforcement officer  
**police (v)** to make sure that law and order are maintained  
**promotion (n)** a move to a more senior rank or position  
**protect (v)** to keep safe  
**rank (n)** an official title in law enforcement and the military that shows your position e.g. *constable, sergeant, superintendent*  
**ransom (n)** the money that kidnappers ask for (or that is paid) to release someone that they have kidnapped  
**report to (v)** to be under someone's authority; usually a senior officer  
**rescue (n)** saving someone from harm or from a dangerous situation  
**rota (n)** a list of people's names that gives the order in which they should carry out their duties  
**shift (n)** a period of working time over a 24-hour period, e.g. *day shift, night shift*  
**smuggle to** bring things into a country illegally (smuggling (n))

**smuggler (n)** person who brings things into a country illegally  
**statement (n)** an account of the facts relating to a crime or case  
**taser (n)** a non-lethal weapon that transmits electronic pulses used to incapacitate someone  
**terrorism (n)** violence, or the threat of violence carried out for political purposes  
**uniform (n)** clothes that show someone's occupation e.g. *law enforcement officer, nurse, soldier*  
**unit (n)** a group of people with a specific function

## Unit 2 Traffic and vehicles

**(traffic) accident (n)** collision involving a motor vehicle that results in damage, personal injury or death  
**bonnet (n)** the cover over the engine of a vehicle (US = hood)  
**boot (n)** the luggage compartment of a vehicle (usually at the back of the vehicle) (US = trunk)  
**category (n)** division or set of things or people with common characteristics that are classified together  
**child seat (n)** small, detachable seat used for children that is placed on a normal car seat  
**coach (n)** long-distance bus  
**compulsory (adj)** necessary, required by law  
**control (n)** the place where law enforcement officials deal with phone calls and radio messages  
**cracked (adj)** usually of glass (or other hard substance) which has been broken, but which is still intact (in one piece)  
**driving licence (n)** a document to prove that a person has passed a test that shows they can drive safely  
**exceed (v)** to go over or beyond something  
**expiry (n)** time or date when something is no longer valid  
**fine (n)** sum of money paid as a punishment for breaking a law  
**flat (adj)** no longer filled with air  
**fog lights (n)** strong front/rear lights on a vehicle with a beam that can penetrate fog  
**headlights (n)** strong, powerful lights on the front of a vehicle  
**heavy (adj)** weighing a lot  
**helmet (n)** hard, protective hat  
**indicator (lights) (n)** lights that a vehicle driver uses to signal they are turning or moving left or right  
**insurance (n)** financial protection offered to a customer by a company against loss, damage, etc in return for a payment premium  
**lorry (n)** a large vehicle that transports goods by road – also called a truck  
**make (n)** a brand of something, e.g. *Rolls Royce, BMW, Lexus*  
**mirror (n)** highly reflective surface of glass that gives back a clear image  
**model (n)** version of a car, e.g. *a 2009 model*  
**offence (n)** crime  
**out-of-date (adj)** not current

**overload (v)** to put too heavy a load on something  
**overtake (v)** to pass a vehicle driving in the same direction  
**penalty (n)** official punishment for an offence or crime  
**penalty points (n)** In the UK, if you are convicted of a motoring offence, your driving licence will get a number of penalty points set against it. (The number depends on how severe the offence is). If you have more than 12 penalty points within a 3-year period, you will be disqualified from driving  
**petrol (n)** liquid fuel for cars (US = gas)  
**registration plate (n)** the signs on the front and rear of vehicles showing a unique identification number (also known as number plates, licence plates)  
**regulations (n)** official rules which say what may or may not be done  
**right-hand (adj)** on the right  
**road sign (n)** sign by the side of the road that gives instructions or directions  
**seat belt (n)** long, strong strap that sits across a vehicle driver's / passenger's body to keep them securely in their seat  
**signature (n)** your name, written by hand, on official documents, at the end of letters, on cheques, etc.  
**slow down (v)** to reduce speed when driving  
**speeding (n)** the offence of driving a vehicle over the prescribed speed limit  
**speed limit (n)** the maximum speed at which you may drive  
**steering wheel (n)** a wheel in a vehicle that is used to move it in a specific direction  
**tyre (n)** rubber edge for a wheel on a vehicle that is filled with compressed air (US = tire)  
**valid (adj)** can be legally used  
**vehicle (n)** means of land transport (usually with wheels) for people or goods, e.g. *car, truck*  
**windscreen (n)** the large glass or plastic screen that forms the front window of a motor vehicle (US = windshield)

## Unit 3 Out in the community

**abandon (v)** to leave something behind for others to deal with  
**agency (n)** administrative division of a government organization  
**anti-social behaviour (n)** any activity that affects members of the community in a negative way  
**arms (n)** weapons  
**arrest (v)** to take someone into custody  
**beat (n)** the route or area a police officer usually covers when working  
**beggar (n)** a person in the street who asks strangers for money  
**cattle-rustling (n)** to steal someone's cows  
**CCTV (n)** closed-circuit television  
**cell (n)** room for holding a prisoner or someone who has been arrested  
**community (n)** group of people who all live in the same area

**community policing (n)** policing that integrates officers into the local community to reduce crime and to establish good relations with residents

**confiscate (v)** to take something away with authority

**crack down on (v)** to act more forcefully

**crime prevention (n)** trying to stop crime from happening

**criminal (n)** a person who has committed a crime

**deal drugs (v)** to buy and sell drugs in order to make money

**deal with (v)** to take action to solve a problem or to help someone

**disorder (n)** a public disturbance or breach of the peace

**dump (v)** to illegally throw away or abandon rubbish or unwanted objects

**emergency (n)** a sudden problem or critical event that you have to deal with urgently

**estate (n)** residential area (housing estate) with shops and other amenities where all the houses (blocks of flats) were planned and built at the same time by a local authority / council, usually to provide affordable rented accommodation

**graffiti (n)** writing sprayed, scratched, or painted on public walls or other public surfaces. (Note that graffiti usually takes a singular verb)

**harassment (n)** persistent, threatening behaviour

**hen party (n)** celebration for women before someone gets married

**house-to-house enquiries** going from one house to another to ask people questions to help in a case (also called door-to-door enquiries)

**immigrant (n)** person who has newly settled in another country

**intimidate (v)** to scare someone into doing something by threatening them

**issue a warning to (v)** to give someone a piece of advice to stop doing something

**pickpocket (n)** a thief who quickly steals from people's pockets and bags in public places and who is usually not noticed

**property (n)** building that is owned by someone

**provide (v)** to supply someone with something

**representative (n)** someone who speaks or acts on behalf of others

**resident (n)** someone who lives (resides) in a place

**rowdy (adj)** noisy and disorderly

**rubbish (n)** unwanted waste material (US = trash)

**spray (v)** to discharge liquid in the form of fine particles from a pressurized container, e.g. *hair spray, spray paint*

**stag party (n)** party for men only usually just before someone's wedding day

**suspect (n)** person who might be guilty of an offence

**threaten (v)** to express an intention of doing harm to or inconveniencing someone unless they do what has been demanded of them

**unemployed (adj)** not in work

**uniformed presence (n)** visible numbers of police in uniform on the streets

**unstable (adj)** lacking or not having emotional or psychological control

**vandalize (v)** to destroy or damage property

**visible (adj)** often seen in public

## Unit 4 Emergency call

**abdomen (n)** surface of the body around the stomach

**ankle (n)** the joint between the foot and the leg

**assailant (n)** someone who attacks someone else

**assess (v)** to examine something in order to evaluate it

**ATM (n)** an electronic machine that dispenses cash (also known as a cashpoint and cash dispenser)

**attend (v)** to be present at

**bandage (n)** a long strip of cloth used to cover a wound or injury

**bleed (v)** to lose blood from the body through a wound

**blood (n)** the red fluid that circulates in the body

**brake (v)** to cause a vehicle to slow down and stop

**breathe (v)** to take in and blow out air from the body

**bruise (n)** a mark on the body where the skin is discoloured as the result of a fall or a blow (US = contusion)

**collapse (v)** to fall down

**chest (n)** the upper, front part of the body

**crash (v)** a collision involving moving vehicles

**damage (v)** to harm someone or something

**demand (v)** to ask for something clearly and firmly

**demonstration (n)** a public show where a group usually walks through the streets of a town or gathers outside a public building in support of an issue, cause or person

**dial (v)** to press the numbers of a telephone keypad

**domestic abuse (n)** any incidents of violent behaviour in a family or a relationship

**explosion (n)** sudden loud noise you hear when a bomb goes off

**fracture (n)** a break in a bone

**grab (v)** to take hold of something quickly and forcefully

**hurt (v)** to injure somebody or something

**HAZMAT (n)** short for hazardous materials substances or chemicals which are potentially dangerous to the health of humans or to the environment

**incident (n)** something that happens, an event

**in progress (adj)** happening now

**intersection (n)** a crossroads

**neck (n)** the part of the body that joins the head to the rest of the body

**on suspicion of** as a suspect

**outstanding (adj)** still to be dealt with

**pain (n)** unpleasant physical discomfort in a particular part of the body

**priority (n)** having the greatest importance or urgency

**pull out (v)** to drive a vehicle away from the side of the road

**rape (n)** forcing someone to have sexual intercourse

**recognise (v)** to identify something or someone you have seen before

**shoulder (n)** the place at each side of the neck where the arm joins the trunk

**skid (v)** to slide dangerously (and usually unintentionally and uncontrollably) across a road

**stamp (v)** the act of bringing down a foot forcefully on something

**suicide (n)** when you commit suicide you kill yourself

**surround (v)** to enclose or encircle someone or something

**survive (v)** to live through something

**unconscious (adj)** experiencing temporary loss of senses usually following an accident or injury

**victim (n)** someone who is hurt or killed by someone or something especially in a crime or accident

**violent (adj)** using physical force to injure someone or to damage something

**witness (v)** to see a crime or an accident when it happens

**wrist (n)** the joint between the arm and the hand

## Unit 5 Crimes against property

**accomplice (n)** someone who helps someone else to commit a crime

**at risk (n)** in a potentially dangerous situation

**alarm (n)** a security device that is fitted to a home and which makes a loud warning sound if there is an attempt to break in

**appeal (v)** to make an urgent request to someone for something

**attack (v)** to use violence to harm someone

**average (n)** the number that is typical of a group of numbers; you calculate the average by adding each member of the group and then dividing the total by the number of members

**bolt (n)** a sliding bar that fits into a socket which secures a door

**burglar (n)** someone who enters a property illegally with the intention of stealing something

**crime reduction (n)** crime reduction focuses on the immediate steps you can take to protect yourself, your family, and your property from crime

**deter (v)** to discourage someone from taking action by making them feel afraid of the consequences they might face

**drink-driving (n)** the offence of driving a vehicle while having a higher than permitted blood-alcohol content (US = drunk-driving or driving under the influence)

**exploit (v)** to take advantage of something for personal gain

**fence (n)** a structure (usually made of wood or wire) that encloses an area and acts as a barrier to entry to a property

**funding (n)** financial support

**high-end (adj)** expensive and likely to appeal to a rich and / or expert audience

**hotspot (n)** place of potential unrest or criminal activity

**initiative (n)** a plan or strategy aimed at tackling a particular problem

**intruder (n)** someone who enters a property without permission usually in order to commit a crime

**joyriding (n)** stealing a vehicle and driving it at high speed

**ladder (n)** piece of equipment with rungs or steps usually made of metal or wood that is used to climb and reach high places inside and outside buildings

**launch (v)** to start a campaign or initiative

**leaflet (n)** a small sheet of paper used as part of an advertising or awareness campaign and which is distributed free of charge

**legitimate (adj)** legal

**lock (n)** a securing mechanism for doors, cases etc which you open with a key

**loophole (n)** a gap in the law which gives people a means of avoiding it

**motion detector lighting (n)** external lighting with a sensor which switches itself on whenever movement is detected

**neighbourhood (n)** a distinct area within a local community

**opportunistic (adj)** taking advantage of opportunities

**poster (n)** police posters are printed pictures / graphics with wording that offer advice, give information, or ask for help they are displayed in public places

**preventable (adj)** when you can stop something from happening

**property (n)** possessions

**recover (v)** to get something back that was lost

**robbery (n)** taking something illegally by force or violence that belongs to someone else

**secure (adj)** safe

**security (n)** safety

**shoplifting (n)** stealing something from a shop

**spy hole (n)** small hole, usually in a front door, through which you can see any visitors before opening your door

**target (n)** someone or something aimed at

**take down (the details) (v)** to write (the details) down to make a note of them

**target (v)** to make a person or thing the focus of something

**timer switch (n)** a device that can be pre-set to switch automatically on and off at a specific time or times

**theft (n)** the stealing of someone's property

**toolbox (n)** a box used for storing tools and equipment, e.g. *hammer, nails, screws, chisel*

**trafficking (n)** trading in illegal goods such as stolen cars, drugs or weapons

**update (v)** to provide someone with the latest information on something

**weakness (n)** a weak point in something

## Unit 6 Drugs and alcohol

**addict (n)** a person who is dependent on / cannot do without drugs

**addictive (adj)** likely to make someone an addict

**bay (n)** a special off-road area for vehicles (normally to park for unloading or inspection)

**channel (n)** passageway

**corrupt (v)** to make someone dishonest or immoral

**counselling (n)** meetings to talk over problems with a psychologist or other professional

**dealer (n)** a person who sells illegal drugs

**death penalty (n)** also called 'capital punishment' the punishment of death for committing a serious crime

**declare (v)** to inform customs authorities about goods or income that you have to pay tax on

**derive (v)** to come from a source

**dilate (v)** to expand or become wider

**dope (n)** illegal drugs

**forgery (n)** copying something illegally so that it looks authentic and intending to make financial gain from it

**high (n)** under the influence of drugs

**impair (v)** to lessen the quality of something

**insignificant (adj)** of very little importance

**intent (n)** state of mind when deliberately planning or carrying out an unlawful act

**judgement (n)** legal verdict

**manifest (n)** a cargo list that also shows the destination of goods for customs purposes

**opium (n)** highly-addictive drug that comes from the seeds of the opium poppy

**over the limit** having drunk more than the permitted amount of alcohol

**painkiller (n)** a drug to ease pain

**penniless (adj)** having no money

**pit (n)** hole in the ground used to inspect the undersides of cars and other vehicles

**pull up (v)** (of a vehicle) to arrive and stop at a place

**pupil (n)** the dark centre of the human eye surrounded by the iris

**quantity (n)** amount

**sedative (n)** a drug that calms you down or tranquilizes you

**sentence (n)** a court judgement

**severe (adj)** harsh

**slur (v)** to speak indistinctly so that what is said cannot be understood

**sniffer dog (n)** a dog that is specially trained to detect drugs and explosives by smell

**stimulant (n)** a drug that produces a temporary increase in the functioning of a bodily organ or part

**stoned (adj)** under the influence of illegal drugs

**supply (v)** to provide, sell drugs

**tax (n)** money paid to the government

**tolerant (adj)** open-minded

**treatment (v)** remedy or technique to cure or ease a condition or disease

**under the influence** intoxicated

**user (n)** person who takes illegal drugs

**vary (v)** to differ

**weave (v)** to move from side to side

**weighbridge (n)** large metal plate(s) on a road surface to weigh large vehicles

## Unit 7 Civil disorder

**accuse (v)** to charge someone with a crime

**back-up (n)** support

**ban (v)** to prohibit

**beat (v)** to hit, strike

**body armour (n)** protection for the upper body

**breach (v)** to break a law

**break out (v)** to happen suddenly

**chaos (n)** complete disorder and confusion

**civil disorder** public disturbance involving three or more people whose violent acts cause immediate danger, damage, or injury to people and property

**comply (v)** to obey

**contain (v)** to stop something spreading by restricting its movement

**convict (v)** to declare someone guilty of a crime

**detachment (n)** the dispatch of a police unit for a special duty or mission

**disperse (v)** to scatter or (of a crowd) to move off in different directions

**disruption (n)** a specialized group or unit

**disturbance (n)** noisy and violent behaviour in a public place

**elbow (n)** joint between the upper and lower parts of the arm

**escalate (v)** to become more serious by stages

**freeze (v)** to stop or not move

**to frisk (v)** to search someone quickly by feeling their body through their clothes

**gas mask (n)** a mask that protects the wearer from the effects of gas

**hooligan (n)** a violent person who commits criminal acts

**infiltrate (v)** to go into a place or become part of an organization secretly in order to find out information

**magistrate (n)** an official who has legal powers – the judge of a lower court

**march (n)** a walk to protest against something or to publicize a cause

**mounted police (n)** police riding horses

**plain-clothes (adj)** not in uniform

**prosecute (v)** to have someone tried in a court of law

**protest (n)** a demonstration of public opposition or disapproval

**public order offence** offences such as riot, unlawful assembly, affray, shouting obscenities in public, etc

**punishment (n)** penalty for doing something wrong

**release (v)** to set free

**riot (n)** a violent public disturbance in which a group is noisy and out of control

**shield (n)** a piece of armour carried on the arm and used to protect the carrier from weapon blows and projectiles (e.g. stones)

**spread (v)** to have effect or influence over a wider area

**strike (n)** when employees stop work in order to make a protest

**supporter (n)** a person who gives encouragement to a person or a team by being present at an event

**suppress (v)** to put an end to or destroy something by force

**tactic (n)** a method used to achieve a short-term aim

**tear gas (n)** chemicals in the form of a gas that by irritate and hurt the eyes

**trouble-maker (n)** a person who causes problems or trouble

**twist (v)** to make something turn in the opposite direction by moving it out of its usual position

**water cannon (n)** a large device that shoots a high pressure stream of water and is often used to disperse rioters

**whip (n)** a length of leather attached to a handle to hit people or animals

## Unit 8 At the police station

**admit (v)** to confess to having committed a crime

**archive (n)** collection of official documents

**bail (n)** sum of money to get someone temporarily released from custody

**blur (v)** to make or become fuzzy where you cannot see something clearly

**armoury (n)** the room where weapons and ammunition are stored

**caution (n)** a legal warning given instead of a penalty

**charge (n)** an accusation of wrongdoing

**clarification (n)** making something clearer by explaining in more detail

**consult (v)** to ask for specialist, professional advice

**court (n)** a place where legal judgments are made

**detainee (n)** a person who is held in custody

**evaluate (v)** to examine and judge something

**evidence (n)** something that proves that a crime happened or a person is guilty

**fidget (v)** to move in a nervous, absent-minded or uneasy way

**fingerprint (n)** the pattern of curved lines on the skin of a fingertip

**guilty (adj)** found responsible for a crime

**harm (v)** to damage, hurt or injure

**hold (v)** to keep a person in custody

**ink (v)** to cover a surface with ink

**jail (n)** prison

**liar (n)** person who doesn't tell the truth

**line-up (n)** another word for an identification parade where a group of people are shown to a witness to see whether they can identify the person who allegedly committed a crime

**lookalike (n)** somebody that looks like someone else

**mattress (n)** a large pad for sleeping on

**muster room (n)** room in a station where police officers gather to learn about their duties when they come on shift

**palm (n)** the flat, inner surface of a hand from the wrist to the fingers

**reverse order (n)** backwards, moving from the most recent to the most distant

**sally port (n)** a secure space in a police station where vehicles can pick up people or goods

**sample (n)** a specimen or example of human blood, saliva, etc for scientific or medical examination or analysis

**scan (v)** to convert an image into digital or electronic format using a light-sensitive device

**seal (v)** to close something securely

**security (n)** something deposited to guarantee an obligation

**smudge (v)** to smear or blur ink so that what is written is unclear

**still photo (n)** a photo taken by a camera and printed onto paper

**records (n)** database of past crimes or criminal convictions

**register (n)** a book for official records

**remand (v)** to return a prisoner to custody

**retain (v)** to keep

**right (n)** something that a person must have if they ask for it because the law says so

**sober (adj)** not drunk

**solicitor (n)** lawyer who gives legal advice

**substance (n)** material or matter, e.g. *an illegal substance*

**thumb (n)** the thickest finger on your hand

**transcription (n)** an exact copy of something, e.g. the exchanges in an interview

## Unit 9 Crime scene investigation

**anatomy (n)** the scientific study of the body and body parts

**anonymous (adj)** when a person's name or identity is not known or not given

**ballistics (n)** the scientific study of the movement of objects that are projected through the air, especially of bullets fired from a gun,

**bacteria (n)** very small organisms, some of which can cause disease

**bone (n)** the human skeleton is made of bone

**casing (n)** outer covering

**cell (n)** the smallest independent unit in the structure of an organism

**clean-shaven (adj)** with no facial hair the way a man's face looks after he has shaved

**cold case (n)** any criminal investigation by a law enforcement agency that has not been solved (usually) within a 12-month period and which has, therefore, been closed from further regular investigations

**comb (n)** a long piece (usually) of plastic or metal with long thin teeth to keep one's hair tidy

**container (n)** a jar, box or bottle that holds things for storage or during transportation

**contaminated (adj)** unclean or impure after coming into contact with harmful substances

**coroner (n)** an official who investigates suspicious deaths

**crime-scene tape (n)** brightly-coloured tape used by law enforcement officers to secure an area

**dust (v)** to sprinkle a powder over something usually when looking for fingerprints

**eliminate (v)** to remove or get rid of something

**fibre (n)** a thin thread (US spelling = fiber)

**forensic (adj)** crime-solving

**fragment (n)** a broken or incomplete piece of something

**genetic (adj)** relating to genes (basic units of heredity that transmit characteristics from one generation to the next)

**goatee (n)** a short, pointed beard on the chin (like the beard on a goat)

**homicide (n)** murder

**implicate (v)** to show that someone played a part in or was connected with something (e.g., *a crime*)

**layout (n)** the way individual items or part have been arranged

**lift card (n)** a piece of card used for taking fingerprints

**log (v)** to record information

**magnifying glass (n)** a convex lens in a frame (usually a round frame with a handle) that makes objects viewed through it appear larger

**mole (n)** a small dark, growth on the skin

**overalls (n)** clothes that are worn over ordinary clothes to protect them

**paternity (n)** the state of being a father, e.g. *a paternity test to find out if this child is my son*

**pathology (n)** scientific study of the nature, cause and progress of disease

**perpetrator (n)** person responsible for committing a crime or doing something that's morally wrong

**piercing (n)** a hole for a ring in the body (e.g. a nose or eyebrow ring or a tongue stud)

**poisoning (n)** harming someone or something with a toxic substance

**pony tail (n)** hairstyle where the hair is pulled tightly into a band at the back of the head, leaving the hair to fall like the 'tail of a pony' (young horse)

**powder (n)** a substance in the form of microscopic loose, small, dry grains or particles e.g. gunpowder, face powder, talcum powder

**profiling (n)** criminal investigation analysis and classification of someone based on personal information

**residue (n)** something that has been left behind, e.g. *gunshot residue on someone's hand which shows they have fired a weapon*

**saliva (n)** the clear liquid in the human mouth

**sample (n)** a specimen for analysis

**scalpel (n)** a surgical knife

**scar (n)** a mark on the skin after a wound or burn has healed

**semen (n)** the thick white fluid containing sperm which a male ejaculates

**sketch (v)** a quick, rough drawing of something that doesn't contain a lot of detail

**smear slide (n)** a small glass plate on which a fluid is spread and used for viewing under a microscope

**spiky (adj)** sticking up into sharp points

**stocky (adj)** having a broad, strong-looking physique

**stubble (n)** short, spiky beard growth on a man when he hasn't shaved

**stud (n)** a metal knob that is raised slightly from a surface e.g. *a tongue or nose stud*

**swab (n)** a specimen of mucus, saliva, etc, obtained by using a swab (small stick)

**tag (v)** to label

**tattoo (n)** permanent picture or design on the skin

**toxicology (n)** scientific study of poisons

**trace (n)** a tiny amount of something

**tweezers (n)** a small metal tool with two slightly-curved arms joined at one end it is used for extracting or holding small objects (e.g. *eyebrow hair, stamps*)

**vacuum (n)** space with all of the air removed

**vomit (n)** stomach contents when a person has been sick or thrown up

## Unit 10 Criminal justice

**abolish (v)** to put an end to something

**abscond (v)** to go away suddenly and secretly because you have done something wrong

**acquitted (adj)** declared innocent in a court of a law

**adulterer (n)** a person who has sex with someone who is married (and who is not their wife or husband)

**alias (n)** false name

**ammunition (n)** bullets, bombs, etc that can be fired from a weapon

**assets (n)** a person's property that can be taken by law if debts need to be paid

**bench (n)** a judge's seat

**breach (v)** to break a law

**breathalyzer (n)** a device that measures the concentration of alcohol in a person's bloodstream

**capital punishment (n)** death penalty

**community service (n)** unpaid work by a convicted offender that is beneficial to the community done as an alternative imprisonment

**concrete (adj)** definite

**crack (n)** purified and extremely addictive form of cocaine

**custodial sentence (n)** prison sentence

**defendant (n)** a person who has been accused of a crime

**deliver (n)** to announce a decision or judgement

**dock (n)** area in court where the accused person stands during a trial

**drop (v)** to abandon or decided not to follow a plan or course of action

**extradition (n)** the return of a wanted criminal to the legal authorities in another country for trial or punishment

**freeze (v)** to prevent a financial asset from being sold

**fugitive (n)** a person who runs away from justice,

**harsh (adj)** severe

**house arrest (n)** when you are not legally allowed to leave your own house

**imprisonment (n)** being locked up in prison

**jury (n)** group of people who give a verdict on a legal case presented before them in a law court

**lenient (adj)** not harsh

**modus operandi (n)** latin expression for 'way of doing something'

**mugshot (n)** photograph of a suspected criminal's face or profile which has been taken by the police

**persistent (adj)** continuing to do something especially for longer than is usual or desirable

**plea (n)** the defendant's answer to a charge in a court of law

**plead (v)** to answer 'guilty' or 'not guilty' in a court of law

**prohibited (adj)** forbidden

**religious (adj)** relating to belief or practice in religion

**represent (v)** to act or speak for someone

**restorative justice (n)** community payback work used as an alternative punishment to sentencing someone to prison

**restore (v)** to give something back

**sanction (n)** a punishment or penalty (for when someone breaks a rule or law)

**serial-killer (n)** a person who murders a number of people in a similar way over a period of time

**shame (n)** an uncomfortable feeling which is the result of having done wrong or acted badly.

**soft option (n)** the easier course of action

**source (n)** something that supplies information

**summon (v)** to call someone to court

**suspended sentence (n)** a prison sentence that does not take place immediately and on condition that the offender does not commit any further crimes during the period of their sentence (usually 6 months – 2 years)

**try (v)** to carry out a trial in court of someone accused of a crime or offence

**verdict (n)** the finding or decision of a jury in a trial

**wig (n)** a covering of false hair worn on the head by judges

## Unit 11 Organised crime

**alien (n)** someone who comes from a country different to the one they are currently living in

**bell tower (n)** a tall tower (usually connected to a church) which contains a bell (or bells)

**betray (v)** to give or make known information that is secret

**blame (v)** criticize or find fault with someone

**bribery (n)** offering of money (or other incentives) to make someone to do something that's (usually) illegal

**captor (n)** a person who takes another person prisoner

**cheat (v)** to deceive or mislead someone

**close range** when you shoot someone at close range, you are standing very close to them

**condemn (v)** to say that someone or something is bad, wrong or unacceptable

**contact (n)** someone you know who may be personally or professionally helpful

**debt (n)** something owed

**dehydrated (adj)** to have lost water from the body

**denial (n)** a statement that says something isn't true or correct

**deport (v)** to force a foreign national to leave a country

**enforcer (n)** us colloquial term for a member of a criminal gang who uses physical violence to intimidate and enforce compliance

**ex-con (n)** informal term for someone who has served a sentence in prison

**expertise (n)** high level of skill, knowledge or opinion that an expert has

**extortion (n)** crime of obtaining something (usually money or information) from someone by using force or threats

**fraud (n)** crime of obtaining money (or another benefit) by deliberately deceiving someone

**field (n)** area of activity or specialization

**gambling (n)** betting in the hope of winning money

**hack (v)** to gain unauthorized access to someone else's computer data

**hangout (n)** place that a person or group often goes to

**hit (n)** a professional killing

**hit-man (n)** a professional killer

**intimidation (n)** scaring someone into doing or not doing something (by threatening them with violence or by blackmailing them)

**loyalty (n)** feeling of duty or attachment to someone or something

**marked (adj)** carrying an identifying mark

**market share (n)** share or proportion of total sales of a product by a single company (gang) or brand

**mindset (n)** a way of thinking that shapes someone's behaviour and outlook

**misinform (v)** to give wrong information on purpose

**money laundering (n)** to make money which has been earned illegally through crime look legal by passing it through a legitimate business

**morality (n)** standards of behaviour that are accepted as right or proper

**owe (v)** to be (financially) in debt

**phone tapping (n)** act of secretly listening to other people's phone conversations, usually because of a bug or device that has been hidden in the phone

**pornography (n)** materials such as films, magazines, etc that are intended to cause sexual excitement

**prostitute (n)** someone who provides sex for money

**prostitution (n)** the act of engaging in or performing sex acts for money

**pursue (v)** to chase, follow or go after someone or people in order to catch them

**racketeering (n)** profiting from illegal activities such as bribery, fraud, or intimidation

**rights (n)** justified claim or entitlement

**surveillance (n)** continual observation of a person or group

**time-lapse (adj)** the taking of a series of photographs at regular intervals

**undermine (v)** to weaken or destroy someone or something by hidden and malicious action

**unscrupulous (adj)** dishonest, corrupt and unprincipled

## Unit 12 International co-operation

**abuse (n)** bad or cruel treatment

**antique (n)** a piece of furniture or other object that is valuable because it is old

**artefact (n)** a very old object that comes for a different time in history

**beneficiary (n)** person or organization that benefits from something

**body language (n)** non-verbal communication through bodily postures and facial expressions

**bushmeat (n)** meat from wild animals, also called 'game' or 'game meat'

**carving (n)** an object or design made by cutting and shaping a material such as wood or stone

**circulation (n)** if something is 'in circulation' it means it is currently available

**Cold War (n)** the period from 1946 – 1989 of hostile, but non-violent relations, between the former Soviet Union and the USA and its allies

**colonialism (n)** a policy in which one country rules other countries and develops trade for its own benefit

**conflict (n)** warfare

**conservationist (n)** a supporter of environmental conservation

**culture shock (n)** feelings of confusion and anxiety when someone experiences an unfamiliar cultural environment different to their own

**defining issue (n)** the most important problem which has an influence on all the other problems

**deploy (v)** to position troops or resources in a specific area

**druglord (n)** a person who controls an international network for the production, processing and sale of illegal drugs

**endangered (adj)** at risk

**facilitate (v)** to make something easy or easier to do

**finance (v)** to provide money for something

**flooding (n)** a situation that results when normally dry land is covered with rain or river water

**forge (v)** to copy something illegally so that it seems real – e.g. money or pieces of art, pictures, statues, etc

**fund (v)** to provide money for something

**hazardous (adj)** potentially dangerous to humans, animals or the environment

**immobilized (adj)** prevented from moving

**incompetence (n)** lacking the skills or ability to do something properly

**irreplaceable (adj)** cannot be replaced

**ivory (n)** a hard, cream-coloured substance that forms the tusks of animals such as elephants

**logging (n)** the felling (cutting down) and transporting of trees

**loot (v)** to rob a place or steal goods using violence and often causing damage

**network (n)** group of people and things that communicate with each other and work together as a system

**poaching (n)** catching wild animals illegally on public or private land

**policy-makers (n)** the people in government who decide what to do

**posting (n)** appointment overseas

**proliferate (v)** to increase greatly in number

**secretariat (n)** the administrative headquarters or main office of an organization

**sensitivity (n)** knowing about / being aware of the feelings and opinions of other people

**skills (n)** abilities, expertise

**stabilize (v)** to make something stable

**statue (n)** a three dimensional image of a human or animal that is sculpted, cast, carved or modelled

**stereotype (v)** to categorize people or national groups according to an over-simplified image or notion

**tackle (v)** to deal with something

**timber (n)** wood that has been cut to use in building or woodworking

**transcend (v)** to go beyond something

**transnational (adj)** extending over or operating within more than one country

**tusk (n)** one of the long, enlarged and pointed front teeth of an elephant

**undercover (adj)** gathering information secretly, usually when pretending to be a member of a group that is under investigation

**waste (n)** unwanted material, remains, rubbish, or by-products

**wildlife (n)** animals and birds living in their natural surroundings