

TROUBLE WITH THE LAW 10



1 Work with a partner and discuss the statements.

- 1 We shouldn't try to understand criminals, but think only about how best to punish them.
- 2 Prison doesn't work as a way of stopping people from committing crimes.
- 3 We will never have societies that are completely free of crime.

2 10 Watch the video and put the sentences in the correct order.

- ☐ But solving crimes isn't the only challenge: criminologists try to understand why people commit crimes in the first place.
- ☐ Computer technology allows the police to create databases.
- ☐ Of course, preventing crimes being committed is as important as finding the right punishment.
- ☐ Perhaps prison is the best punishment when a crime is serious.
- ☐ Crime is one of the biggest problems in human societies.
- ☐ Police officers are also helped by forensic scientists.

3 10 Work with a partner. Read the questions and discuss possible answers. Then watch the video again to check your answers.

1 Why are crimes difficult to solve?

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2 Which four reasons are suggested for why people commit crimes?

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3 What do forensic scientists gather for the police?

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4 When did the science of forensics begin?

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5 What sort of information do police databases store?

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6 Which two examples of petty crime are given?

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7 How can CCTV cameras help police?

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ABOUT YOU

4 Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Why do you think some people end up committing crimes?
- 2 Are there any 'crimes' which you think aren't serious enough to be classed as crimes at all?
- 3 Why are TV series about criminals so popular?