

The British police

TEST

I. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the appropriate words, two words are extra.

Until some 15 years ago the police in Britain wore a formal jacket with silver 1) _____ and trousers with a sharp crease. x) Nowadays they wear a more sporty dark blue 2) _____. It consists of a dark blue 3) _____, dark blue 4) _____, a black 5) _____, black 6) _____ and a helmet, but the uniform isn't the same everywhere. There are forty-three police forces in Britain. Each one has a different uniform and a different 7) _____ on the helmet. The City of London police have a badge which is 120 years old.

The Metropolitan Police – the police force in London - was founded in 1829 by Robert Peel. English policemen are also referred as 8) _____, after the founder of the police force. The typical bobby helmet is still worn to this day.

Modern transport needs modern 9) _____, and motorcycle police have white helmets. The mounted police – the ones who ride horses – usually wear flat blue 10) _____. Policewomen are different too. They wear a bowler style hats with black-and-white 11) _____ (a Sillito Tartan) and a white top. Their jackets and 12) _____ are dark blue and their 13) _____ are white.

Nowadays, the British police all carry 14) _____ and sometimes they have 15) _____ when they are outside certain buildings or when they are looking after important visitors. Normally, however, the police in Britain don't have guns.

bobbies
jacket
checks
shirts
scarf
uniform
buttons
badge
tie
skirts
trousers
socks
radios
hats
guns
boots
clothes

x) crease - a line made on cloth

II. Mark the statements True (T), False (F), Not Stated (NS)

1. British policemen have a badge on the helmet.

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2. From the 1990s, officers often carry mobile phones in addition to their personal radios.
3. English policemen are called Freddies after the founder of the police force in London.
4. The policewomen don't wear dark blue skirts.
5. The mounted police investigate the murder only.



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