

Unit 1. Test 1

What do you know about British police?

1. What must a police officer tell you when he stops you?

- A) why you have been stopped
- B) his name
- C) what he is looking for
- D) his address
- E) the name of the police station where he is stationed



2. Which item of clothing mustn't police officers ask you to remove, especially if they are of the opposite sex?

- A) shoes
- B) jacket
- C) gloves
- D) coat



3. The head of the Metropolitan police is

- A) a commissioner
- B) a chief constable
- C) a superintendent



4. What rank in the British police does a single crown indicate?

- A) superintendent
- B) inspector
- C) chief inspector
- D) sergeant



5. The Flying Squad is the airborne unit of the Metropolitan Police

- A) True
- B) False



Now check your answers:

1. If you are stopped, an officer must tell you their name, the police station where they are stationed, why you have been stopped and what they are looking for. The details of this stop have to be recorded on a form, along with information about what you were doing, where you were going and what you were carrying.
2. Several rules must be followed if police officers require you to remove any clothes. Firstly, if they are in plain clothes, they must show you a warrant card or some form of identification. They can only request the removal of a coat, jacket and/or gloves. If they want you to remove any more items of clothing, they have to be the same gender as you and must take you somewhere private.
3. The head of the Metropolitan Police has the title of Commissioner. With the exception of the City of London Police force, whose head is also a Commissioner, all other British police forces have a Chief Constable.
4. A Superintendent is the fifth in order of rank. The rank badge of an Inspector (third in order of seniority) is two diamond-shaped pips; the badge of a Chief Inspector (ranked above Inspector but below Superintendent) shows three diamond-shaped pips and the badge of a Sergeant, one rank above that of ordinary Constable, has three downward-pointing chevrons.
5. False. When first created this section was named the 'Mobile Patrol Experiment', the name 'Flying Squad' was adopted in 1921. This quick-response unit of specially trained expert drivers, chosen from uniformed patrol car drivers, deals with detecting and preventing armed robbery and similar crime using speed and surprise tactics. The Flying Squad ('Sweeney Todd') is part of the Serious and Organised crime section.