

READING. POLICE, CAMERA, ACTION

1. Match the words (1-10) to the items in the pictures (A-J).

- 1 traffic lights
- 2 zebra crossing
- 3 bridge
- 4 tunnel
- 5 bus lane
- 6 level crossing
- 7 cycle lane
- 8 bus stop
- 9 pavement
- 10 road sign



2. Read the text and mark the statements (1-6) as T (true) or F (false)



Police, Camera, Action! is a popular TV series of real-life police videos. It is part-documentary and part-reality show. It features video footage from cameras in police cars, helicopters, and sometimes from hand-held cameras, too. It focuses on road crime and bad driving. Each episode has a catchy title and the narrator really draws the viewer into the action. A typical voice-over would go something like this:

"As we join the scene from the air, the 'eye-in-the-sky' can see the suspect is driving his motorbike very fast through the town. He's driving on the pavement and on the road. There he's going across a zebra crossing. Luckily, there aren't many pedestrians around or else lots of people could be injured. Now he's going toward the traffic lights – no wait – he's doing a U-turn into oncoming traffic. That is so dangerous! Look at him now! He's going along the bus lane and up the hill. I hope no one is on the other side or they'll be shocked. Now where is he? There he is! I don't believe it! He's going under the bridge just as the police car is going over the bridge. They just missed him. He's going along the bike lane toward the tunnel. Now he's going into the tunnel. The officers on the ground are speeding over the level crossing to cut him off at the end of the tunnel. This is so exciting! Yes! It's all over. They got him!"

So next time you're channel hopping, make sure you catch an episode – you'll be glad you did!

- 1 The programme features real police officers.
- 2 All the video footage is shot from helicopters.
- 3 *Police, Camera, Action!* shows lots of different crimes.
- 4 The suspect doesn't injure any pedestrians.
- 5 The suspect goes under a bridge.
- 6 The police car follows the suspect through a tunnel.