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Reading

1 You are going to read an article about working in the legal system. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–F the one which fits each gap (1–5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

- A The worst part of the job, though, is if an innocent person goes to prison.
- B If you don't want to go to prison, then it's very simple – don't break the law!
- C Working in law could be the best thing you ever did.
- D Going to prison is a terrible punishment, though.
- E They also make sure people go to prison if they did commit a crime!
- F She thinks a police officer should firstly show people how not to break the law.

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You're under arrest!

Have you ever thought about working in an area of law? There are lots of different jobs you could do. You could help arrest someone in the street who has committed a crime or you could help someone be treated fairly in court.

Lawyers help people stay out of prison if they have been arrested for a crime they didn't commit. (1) _____ I asked Diane Fenton, who is a lawyer, about some of the people she has dealt with. 'I have helped bring a lot of different criminals to justice. However, I work with people who have committed serious crimes like robbery, burglary or murder. I'm always very satisfied when a serious criminal is put away because I know I've done my job properly and the dangerous people are off the streets. (2) _____ Luckily, that has only happened once and I was able to get him out of prison very quickly.'

Ned Hughes is also a lawyer, but he helps people who have been arrested for less serious crimes. 'I've always believed that a person is innocent until the court says they are guilty. (3) _____ If I can help somebody to avoid that, I'm always a happy man. Yesterday, for example, I got the police to let a young shoplifter off with a warning. He only stole some chocolate!'

I also spoke to a man called Henry Bridge. He is a police officer who believes if you do something illegal, you should pay for it. 'Laws are passed to keep us all safe. If you do something against the law, I'm sorry, but prison is where you'll end up. (4) _____ Why should somebody who commits a crime be set free? As far as I'm concerned, the law's the law and criminals should be punished.'

Sylvia Kent, who is also a police officer, disagrees with Henry. (5) _____ 'Of course, we have to stop crime, but I think if the police spend time with the people in their area, especially young people, and get to know them, then we will see crime become less of a problem.'

So guys and girls, next time you think about what you'd like to do when you finish school – think law. Let's all get out there and make the world a better place!