

Module 2 – PRISONS

Student:

What is the purpose of a maximum-security prison?

Why Are Prisons the Way They Are?

Have you ever thought that prisons look like hotels? How about having the most dangerous criminals in the country in jails without bars, without fences, with big windows and nature? There are criminals around the world and prisons in every country. However, a maximum-security prison in Norway is the opposite of a maximum-security prison in the US. Prisons in Norway challenge everything we understand about prisons. In a tour of the Super-Max Administrative Security Facility (ADX Florence) in Colorado and Halden Prison in Norway, Baz Dreisinger shows how the lives of the prisoners in these two prisons are so different.

Halden Prison is a place where prisoners have large windows with a nice view of nature. In contrast, in ADX the cells have a 10 cm wide window, almost no natural light, and some prisoners spend 23 hours a day without any human contact. At Halden Prison, cells are like inside college students' bedrooms. Inmates have beds with mattresses, private bathrooms, wardrobes, desks, chairs, TVs, and video games. In ADX, inmates sleep on concrete slabs and have an immovable stool and desk.



Grammar Tip

Remember when we want to define or add information about a place, we use the relative clause with **where**. For instance, a police station is the place where you can make a report about a crime. When we want to define or add information about a person, we use **who**. For example, a forensic scientist is a person **who** can work as a crime scene investigator, criminologist. To define or add information about a person or thing we use **that**. For example, "DNA analyst or a criminologist is someone **that** studies crime." Or "The punishments **that** Incas applied were sometimes draconian."

In ADX there are many prisoners who will never touch a soft bed, a fork, or a remote control ever again. While 30% of Norway's prisons are open, the interesting thing is the Norwegian prison system seems to work. The rates of crime are very low in the country.

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Read the sentences and choose the correct answer.

1. ADX Florence is located in _____
2. Halden Prison is located in _____
3. In this place, the cells have a 10 cm wide window _____
4. This is a place where prisoners have large windows with a nice view of nature

5. In this place, there are many prisoners who will never touch a soft bed, a fork, or a remote control ever again _____
6. In this place, cells are like inside college students' bedrooms _____
7. In this place, inmates sleep on concrete slabs and have an immovable stool and desk

