



The “traditional” police uniform in Britain is a navy blue jacket, navy blue trouser, black boots and a helmet, but the uniform isn’t the same everywhere. There are forty-three police forces in Britain. Each one has different uniform and a different badge on the helmet. The City of London police have a badge which is 120 years old.

Modern transport needs modern clothes, and motorcycle police have white helmets. The mounted police—the ones who ride horses—usually wear flat blue hats. Policewomen are different, too. They wear special hats with black-and-white checks and white top. Their jackets and skirts are navy blue and their shirts are white.

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

1. Answer the questions about British police.

a. How old is the City of London police badge?

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b. What colour are policewomen’s hats?

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c. Do all British police have to wear a helmet?

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d. Do the police always wear guns?

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e. Can they wear guns sometimes?

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2. Write True or False.

a. The “traditional” police uniform in Britain is navy blue jackets, navy blue trousers, black boots and a red helmet _____

b. Modern transport needs modern clothes _____

c. Normally, the police in Britain don’t have guns _____

d. The mounted police—the ones who ride motorcycles—usually wear flat blue hats _____

e. There are fifty- three police forces in Britain _____

READING. THE TRADITIONAL POLICE UNIFORM IN BRITAIN
