

Reading Practice Activity

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Why Are Prisons the Way They Are?

1. Put the following paragraphs in the correct order to form the passage.



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<https://www.businessinsider.com/norway-and-american-prisons-reveal-how-each-country-sees-punishment-2017-1> and <https://www.businessinsider.com/norways-prisons-are-better-than-the-american-prisons-2018->

- a) 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 videogames. In ADX, inmates sleep on concrete slabs and have an immovable stool and desk.
- b) 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.
- c) 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 maximumsecurity 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.

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2. Match the characteristics of Halden Prison and ADX Florence to their respective descriptions:

_____ Large windows with a view of nature, cells resembling college students' bedrooms.

a) Halden Prison

_____ Cells with a 10 cm wide window, minimal natural light, and inmates spending up to 23 hours a day in solitary confinement.

_____ Inmates have beds with mattresses, private bathrooms, wardrobes, desks, chairs, TVs, and video games.

b) ADX Florence

_____ Inmates sleep on concrete slabs, have immovable stool and desk, and lack basic amenities.

_____ The Norwegian prison system has low crime rates despite having open prisons.