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READING

Read the text carefully and answer the following questions:

DAILY NEWS

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH, 2025

Crime scene tape

THE RISE IN CRIME?

By JACK MORSE

Jack Morse tries to discover the reality behind crime statistics. Just one look at most newspapers today is enough to convince you that the world is one big crime scene. From shoplifting to vandalism, blackmail to burglary, it seems that there are more and more crimes every day. But is this really true, or is it just a perception? According to Professor Jane Tennison, the way we feel about certain events, for example crime, is an important factor in how we react to news about them. 'People see crime as headline news and reading about it has an emotional impact.' Prof Tennison says. "The more they read about it, the more it seems like crime is getting worse." She says that this sense that crime rates are increasing is amplified by unreliable news websites which give more space to 'shocking' crime stories than other stories. They do this to get your attention so that you click on their links'. the Professor adds. Website owners know this and do it to increase their profits. But reading about a shocking event, such as a theft, has a consequence. It stays in your memory for longer than a less shocking story, so it impacts perception.' 'A further complication is the expansion of social media. People post about crime all the time, but some of these crimes have never really happened. It's then hard to decide between truth and fiction, so it probably looks worse than it really is,' the professor adds. Official crime figures support this idea. A survey on the perception of crime in the USA in 2016 showed that 57% of people thought that crime was getting worse, but the real statistics showed a 22% decrease in crime, so we need to pay attention to the numbers, not how we 'feel' about the situation." 'We just have to recognise that there are two factors - there's our perception of the crime rate, and then there's the actual crime statistics. And it's that second one that we should pay more attention to."

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1. What does Professor Jane Tennison suggest is a significant factor in how people react to news about crime?
   - A) The actual crime statistics
   - B) The emotional impact of crime stories
   - C) The number of crimes committed
   - D) The age of the crime victims

2. According to the text, why do unreliable news websites focus on 'shocking' crime stories?
   - A) To inform the public about crime
   - B) To increase their profits by attracting clicks
   - C) To promote safety and awareness
   - D) To provide accurate statistics

3. What percentage of people surveyed in the USA in 2016 believed that crime was getting worse?
   - A) 22%
   - B) 57%
   - C) 75%
   - D) 40%

4. What does the professor imply about the relationship between social media and crime perception?
   - A) Social media accurately reflects crime statistics.
   - B) Social media helps reduce crime rates.
   - C) Social media can blur the lines between truth and fiction regarding crime.
   - D) Social media does not influence crime perception.

5. What are the two factors that Professor Tennison identifies regarding crime?
   - A) The perception of crime rates and actual crime statistics
   - B) The types of crime and their severity
   - C) The media coverage and public reaction
   - D) The age of offenders and their motivations

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6. What two factors does Professor Tennison identify that contribute to the confusion around crime perception?

7. In your own words, explain the difference between: perception of crime and actual crime.

8. Professor Tennison emphasizes that people should pay more attention to their feelings about crime rather than the actual statistics. T or F

9. The text claims that social media has no impact on the perception of crime. T or F

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read and choose the correct reported speech.

"We are worried about teenagers sharing too much information online," they said.

- [ ] They said that they are worried about teenagers sharing too much information online.
- [ ] They said that they were worried about teenagers sharing too much information online.

"The newspaper is talking about a robbery," said Jason.

- [ ] Jason said that the newspaper was talking about a robbery.
- [ ] Jason said that the newspaper is talking about a robbery.

She said she wanted to write a blog about sport.

- [ ] "I wanted to write a blog about sport," she said.
- [ ] "I want to write a blog about sport," she said.

Now, rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

Anna: "My parents are both journalists."

"Do we interview people in groups?" asked Olivia.

Annisa: "I speak about the news in my vlog."

Read and complete.

if | have | watched | how many | what | watches | had

1 Fred _____ the news every day, but he said that he _____ a movie last night.

2 My sister asked me _____ I wanted to read her news article.

3 "We _____ something important to tell you," my parents said.

4 My teacher asked me _____ classes we _____ on Friday.

5 Peter asked Erica _____ kind of sources she used for her vlog.

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TRUST YOURSELF!

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USE OF ENGLISH 2

Put the sentences in the correct category.

- Just try it.
- Just practice a little more.
- I suppose I can do it.
- It'll be fine.
- Why don't you try?

Persuading	Reassuring	Responding

Complete the sentences by adding the correct pre-fix for each word

3x im- | 3x un- | 2x ir- | il-

It's rather ____polite if you don't say 'Please' a lot in English.

My parents are extremely generous with their time and money. They are very ____selfish.

If the traffic is bad, it'll be ____possible to get to the match on time.

It's ____legal to drive along that street; it's for pedestrians only.

My mum thought a burglar had been in my bedroom, but it's always really ____tidy.

It was completely ____responsible of you to go away for the weekend without telling us.

Mike's pretty ____happy about going on holiday with his girlfriend's parents.

I never know when to expect the post. It's so ____regular.

Taking a large suitcase on a waling holiday is a bit ____practical

Choose the correct form, active or passive, to complete the sentences below.

1. Hundreds of people [employ / are employed] in this factory and many of them [will lose / will be lost] their jobs.
2. Three men [arrested / were arrested] after the incident, and five others [took / were taken] to hospital.
3. About 71 percent of the Earth's surface [is covered / covers] by water, and oceans [are held / hold] about 96% of all Earth's water.

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