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Level 6

Armed police to wear body cameras in London

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140115-body-cameras.html>

Armed police in London will soon be wearing body cameras when they respond to incidents. This is to ensure greater transparency and reduce speculation when police shoot people. The move came in response to the fatal shooting of a 29-year-old Londoner in North London in 2011. London police stated that its officers were attempting to arrest the man on suspicion of planning an attack, and that he was in possession of a handgun. The killing led to widespread clashes with the police and escalated into riots across London and other cities. The man's family and friends campaigned for years claiming he was unlawfully killed. A public inquiry decided on January the 8th that the killing was lawful.

London's senior police officials hope the body cameras will provide greater clarity and proof surrounding any future shootings. The head of the police pointed out that it was relatively rare for London police officers to open fire. Regular police officers patrolling the streets do not carry guns, unlike police in many cities around the world. Between 2010 and 2012, there were 12,721 times when armed police responded to incidents. Shots were fired on just four occasions. Neil Basu, head of the police's specialist firearms unit, said: "These are professional officers who want to be believed and want the public to trust them. If [wearing body cameras is] what it takes, then that is what they will do."

Sources: <http://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/scotland-yard-police-will-wear-cameras-to-prevent-confusion-after-duggan-shooting-9046727.html>
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jan/09/metropolitan-police-cameras-mark-duggan>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Death_of_Mark_Duggan

WARM-UPS

1. BODY CAMERAS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about body cameras. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

armed / respond / transparency / arrest / handgun / riots / campaigned / inquiry / senior police officials / clarity / rare / open fire / firearms / professional / trust

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CAMERAS: What are the pros and cons of putting cameras to record things in these places? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Police officer helmets		
In class for parents to see watch		
In all cars (front and back)		
Your front and back door		
Hospital operating theatres		
Children's school uniforms		

4. POLICE CAMERAS: Students A **strongly** believe police should wear body cameras; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- body cameras
- credit-card ring
- blood-pressure monitor
- heated shirt
- TV watch
- translation ear-phones
- clothes that change colour
- "You've-eaten-too-much" alarm

6. TRUST: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "trust". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140115-body-cameras.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. London's armed police will soon wear cameras 24 hours a day. | T / F |
| b. The cameras follow the controversy over the police shooting someone. | T / F |
| c. The police said the man they shot was carrying a rifle. | T / F |
| d. The man's family campaigned that his killing had been unlawful. | T / F |
| e. It is rare for police in London to open fire with guns. | T / F |
| f. All London police officers carry guns, hidden under their shirts. | T / F |
| g. Police fired over 12,000 shots in London between 2010 and 2012. | T / F |
| h. Police officers want to wear the cameras to get the public's trust. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. respond | a. policing |
| 2. incidents | b. deadly |
| 3. transparency | c. drew attention to |
| 4. fatal | d. disturbances |
| 5. unlawfully | e. instances |
| 6. proof | f. answer |
| 7. pointed out | g. faith |
| 8. patrolling | h. illegally |
| 9. occasions | i. openness |
| 10. trust | j. evidence |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. ensure greater transparency | a. to trust them |
| 2. on suspicion of | b. inquiry |
| 3. escalated into riots | c. unit |
| 4. claiming he was unlawfully | d. takes |
| 5. public | e. planning an attack |
| 6. provide greater | f. and reduce speculation |
| 7. police officers to open | g. killed |
| 8. specialist firearms | h. fire |
| 9. want the public | i. across London |
| 10. what it | j. clarity |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140115-body-cameras.html>

Armed police in London will soon be wearing body cameras when they (1) _____ to incidents. This is to ensure greater transparency and reduce (2) _____ when police shoot people. The move came in response to the (3) _____ shooting of a 29-year-old Londoner in North London in 2011. London police stated that its officers were attempting to (4) _____ the man on suspicion of planning an attack, and that he was in (5) _____ of a handgun. The killing led to (6) _____ clashes with the police and escalated into (7) _____ across London and other cities. The man's family and friends campaigned for years claiming he was unlawfully killed. A public (8) _____ decided on January the 8th that the killing was lawful.

speculation
inquiry
arrest
widespread
respond
riots
fatal
possession

London's (9) _____ police officials hope the body cameras will provide greater (10) _____ and proof surrounding any future shootings. The head of the police pointed out that it was relatively (11) _____ for London police officers to (12) _____ fire. Regular police officers patrolling the streets do not carry guns, unlike police in many cities around the world. Between 2010 and 2012, there were 12,721 times when armed police responded to (13) _____. Shots were fired on just four (14) _____. Neil Basu, head of the police's specialist firearms unit, said: "These are professional officers who want to be believed and want the public to (15) _____ them. If [wearing body cameras is] what it (16) _____, then that is what they will do."

incidents
trust
rare
takes
senior
open
clarity
occasions

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) wearing body cameras when they _____
 - a. respond to incidence
 - b. respond to inside dents
 - c. respond to incidents
 - d. respond to coincidence
- 2) This is to ensure greater transparency and _____
 - a. reducing speculation
 - b. reduces speculation
 - c. reduced speculation
 - d. reduce speculation
- 3) police stated that its officers were attempting to _____
 - a. attest the man
 - b. arrest the man
 - c. arrests the man
 - d. arrested the man
- 4) The killing led to widespread clashes with the police and _____
 - a. escalation into riots
 - b. elevated into riots
 - c. catapulted into riots
 - d. escalated into riots
- 5) A public inquiry decided on January the 8th that the _____
 - a. killing was lawfully
 - b. killing was full law
 - c. killing was lawful
 - d. killing was fully law
- 6) London's senior police officials hope the body cameras will _____
 - a. provide greater gravity
 - b. provide greater clarity
 - c. provide greater brevity
 - d. provide greater candidly
- 7) The head of the police pointed out that it was _____
 - a. relatively bare
 - b. relatively dare
 - c. relatively lair
 - d. relatively rare
- 8) Regular police officers _____
 - a. patrolling the street
 - b. patrolled the streets
 - c. patrols the streets
 - d. patrolling the streets
- 9) Shots were fired on just _____
 - a. for occasions
 - b. four occasions
 - c. forty occasions
 - d. for occasion
- 10) officers who want to be believed and want the _____
 - a. public to trusty them
 - b. public to trussed them
 - c. public to trust them
 - d. public to trusted them

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140115-body-cameras.html>

1. When will the officers wear body cameras?

2. What do the police want to reduce by police wearing body cameras?

3. When did the fatal shooting that led to this decision happen?

4. What happened in British cities after the shooting?

5. When did a public inquiry make a decision?

6. What did the head of London's police say about the regularity of police shootings?

7. When were the 12,721 times that armed police responded to incidents?

8. On how many occasions did police fire shots?

9. What do police officers want?

10. What will police officers do to get the public's trust?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140115-body-cameras.html>

1. When will the officers wear body cameras?
 - a) when Britain's leader says so
 - b) 24 hours a day
 - c) when they respond to incidents
 - d) after they have been shot at
2. What do the police want to reduce by police wearing body cameras?
 - a) speculation
 - b) costs
 - c) weight
 - d) resolution
3. When did the fatal shooting that led to this decision happen?
 - a) 2010
 - b) 2011
 - c) 2012
 - d) 2013
4. What happened in British cities after the shooting?
 - a) people started petitions
 - b) lockdowns
 - c) peaceful protests
 - d) riots
5. When did a public inquiry make a decision?
 - a) January 6
 - b) January 7
 - c) January 8
 - d) January 9
6. What did the head of London's police say about the regularity of shootings?
 - a) there were 12,721 of them
 - b) they were rare
 - c) about a dozen a year
 - d) they were too common
7. When were the 12,721 times that armed police responded to incidents?
 - a) in the history of Britain's police
 - b) between 200 and 2012
 - c) in 2013
 - d) between 2010 and 2012
8. On how many occasions did police fire shots?
 - a) 3
 - b) 4
 - c) 5
 - d) 6
9. What do police officers want?
 - a) more money
 - b) to be believed and trusted
 - c) better uniforms
 - d) faster cars
10. What will police officers do to get the public's trust?
 - a) what it takes
 - b) walk the streets more
 - c) talk to people
 - d) smile more

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – School classrooms

You think school classrooms are the best places to have a camera. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): the front and back of cars, police uniforms or your front door.

Role B – The front and back of cars

You think the front and back of cars are the best places to have a camera. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): school classrooms, police uniforms or your front door.

Role C – Police uniforms

You think police uniforms are the best places to have a camera. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): the front and back of cars, school classrooms or your front door.

Role D – Your front door

You think your front door is the best place to have a camera. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): the front and back of cars, police uniforms or school classrooms.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140115-body-cameras.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'body' and 'camera'.

body	camera

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ensure• move• arrest• possession• across• 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hope• rare• fire• unlike• four• takes
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BODY CAMERAS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about body cameras in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

BODY CAMERAS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'body camera'?
- c) What do you think of body cameras?
- d) Do you think all police officers should wear body cameras?
- e) How will body cameras help the police?
- f) Are there any ways body cameras might be bad for the police?
- g) How would the world be different if we all wore body cameras?
- h) What happens in your country if the police shoot an innocent person?
- i) Would body cameras have stopped the police shooting the man?
- j) How would a body camera help you in your life?

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BODY CAMERAS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Should people in other professions wear body cameras?
- c) What do you think of the fact that most U.K. police do not carry guns?
- d) What would the drawbacks be of police officers wearing body cameras?
- e) Is it better for police to have a gun or not have one?
- f) Would you feel safer if your house was full of cameras?
- g) Will cameras be everywhere in the world one day?
- h) Why are many people against things like body cameras?
- i) Will body cameras result in better policing?
- j) What questions would you like to ask London's police chief?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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London's senior police officials hope the body cameras will (7) ____ greater clarity and proof surrounding any future shootings. The head of the police pointed (8) ____ that it was relatively rare for London police officers to open fire. Regular police officers patrolling the streets do not carry guns, (9) ____ police in many cities around the world. Between 2010 and 2012, there were 12,721 times when armed police responded (10) ____ incidents. Shots were fired on just four occasions. Neil Basu, head of the police's specialist firearms (11) ____, said: "These are professional officers who want to be believed and want the public to trust them. If [wearing body cameras is] what it (12) ____, then that is what they will do."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) responsible | (b) respond | (c) response | (d) responsive |
| 2. | (a) fatality | (b) fatal | (c) fatally | (d) fatale |
| 3. | (a) as | (b) of | (c) in | (d) on |
| 4. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) of | (d) as |
| 5. | (a) contrived | (b) escalated | (c) electrified | (d) destructed |
| 6. | (a) annually | (b) times | (c) years | (d) ever |
| 7. | (a) take | (b) service | (c) provide | (d) adapt |
| 8. | (a) to | (b) up | (c) out | (d) above |
| 9. | (a) unlikeable | (b) liking | (c) likelihood | (d) unlike |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) by | (c) on | (d) around |
| 11. | (a) unit | (b) united | (c) unity | (d) unitary |
| 12. | (a) removes | (b) uses | (c) takes | (d) picks |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. when they respond to ticindnes
2. ensure greater parsyantencr
3. in response to the aatlf shooting
4. on nipicouss of planning an attack
5. drepsaweid clashes
6. family and friends cpgadainem for years

Paragraph 2

7. senior police osfliifa
8. ougrdniruns any future shootings
9. lleetvriay rare
10. on just four aocsoiscn
11. the police's isliasecpt
12. ferirasm unit

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () responded to incidents. Shots were fired on just four occasions. Neil Basu, head of the police's specialist
- () killed. A public inquiry decided on January the 8th that the killing was lawful.
- () many cities around the world. Between 2010 and 2012, there were 12,721 times when armed police
- () fire. Regular police officers patrolling the streets do not carry guns, unlike police in
- () across London and other cities. The man's family and friends campaigned for years claiming he was unlawfully
- () shooting of a 29-year-old Londoner in North London in 2011. London police stated that its officers were
- () London's senior police officials hope the body cameras will provide greater clarity and proof
- () greater transparency and reduce speculation when police shoot people. The move came in response to the fatal
- () trust them. If [wearing body cameras is] what it takes, then that is what they will do."
- () possession of a handgun. The killing led to widespread clashes with the police and escalated into riots
- () firearms unit, said: "These are professional officers who want to be believed and want the public to
- () surrounding any future shootings. The head of the police pointed out that it was relatively rare for London police officers to open
- () attempting to arrest the man on suspicion of planning an attack, and that he was in
- (**1**) Armed police in London will soon be wearing body cameras when they respond to incidents. This is to ensure

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. when they Wearing respond body to cameras incidents.

2. the came to shooting move response fatal The in.

3. police killing widespread the The to with led clashes.

4. London Escalated and into other riots cities across.

5. that was A decided killing inquiry the lawful public.

6. body The clarity greater provide will cameras.

7. London for rare relatively was It fire open to officers police.

8. 12,721 times when armed police responded to incidents.

9. the of Head unit firearms specialist police's.

10. professional want believed are who be These officers to.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1401/140115-body-cameras.html>

Armed police in London will soon be wearing body cameras when they *respond / response* to incidents. This is to ensure *greater / bigger* transparency and reduce *speculative / speculation* when police shoot people. The move came in response to the *fatally / fatal* shooting of a 29-year-old Londoner in North London in 2011. London police *stated / started* that its officers were *attempting / tempted* to arrest the man on *suspicion / suspect* of planning an attack, and that he was in possession of a handgun. The killing led to widespread *crashes / clashes* with the police and escalated *onto / into* riots across London and other cities. The man's family and friends campaigned for years claiming he was unlawfully killed. A public *inquiry / inquired* decided on January the 8th that the killing was lawful.

London's senior police officials hope the body cameras will provide greater clarity and *prove / proof* surrounding any future shootings. The head of the police pointed *up / out* that it was relatively *rarely / rare* for London police officers to *open / close* fire. Regular police officers patrolling the streets do not carry guns, *unlike / unlikely* police in many cities around the world. Between 2010 and 2012, there were 12,721 times *which / when* armed police responded *of / to* incidents. Shots were fired on just four occasions. Neil Basu, head of the police's specialist firearms *unity / unit*, said: "These are professional officers who want to be believed and want the public to *trust / trustworthy* them. If [wearing body cameras is] what it *takes / makes*, then that is what they will do."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_rm_d p_l_c_ _n L_nd_n w_ll s__n b_ w__r_ng b_dy
c_m_r_s wh_n th_y r_sp_nd t_ _nc_d_nts. Th_s _s t_
_ns_r_ gr__t_r tr_nsp_r_ncy _nd r_d_c_ sp_c_l_t__n
wh_n p_l_c_ sh__t p__pl_. Th_ m_v_ c_m_ _n r_sp_ns_
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_ff_c_rs p_tr_ll_ng th_ str__ts d_n_t c_rry g_ns,
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f_r_d _n j_st f__r _cc_s__ns. N__l B_s_, h__d _f th_
p_l_c_'s sp_c__l_st f_r__rms _n_t, s__d: "Th_s _r_
pr_f_ss__n_l _ff_c_rs wh_ w_nt t_ b_b_l_v_d _nd
w_nt th_ p_bl_c t_ tr_st th_m. _f [w__r_ng b_dy
c_m_r_s _s] wh_t _t t_k_s, th_n th_t _s wh_t th_y w_ll
d_."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **body cameras** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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What are the pros and cons of police officers wearing body cameras?

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about body cameras. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. POLICING: Make a poster about policing. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BODY CAMERAS: Write a magazine article about police wearing body cameras. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a policing expert. Ask him/her three questions about body cameras. Give him/her three of your opinions. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d T e T f F g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. respond | a. answer |
| 2. incidents | b. disturbances |
| 3. transparency | c. openness |
| 4. fatal | d. deadly |
| 5. unlawfully | e. illegally |
| 6. proof | f. evidence |
| 7. pointed out | g. drew attention to |
| 8. patrolling | h. policing |
| 9. occasions | i. instances |
| 10. trust | j. faith |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. When they respond to incidents
2. Speculation
3. 2011
4. Clashes with police and riots
5. January 8
6. He said they were rare
7. Between 2010 and 2012
8. Four
9. To be believed and trusted
10. Whatever it takes

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)