

POLICE

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1 Equipment: Basic equipment



badge



duty belt

multi-tool

handcuffs

bulletproof vest

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some tools police use?
- 2 What equipment does a police officer typically carry in your country?

Reading

2 Read the page from a police equipment company's website. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the purpose of the webpage?
 - A to list products available
 - B to show a completed order
 - C to state required equipment
 - D to describe a business
- 2 Which item is NOT sold with all its needed parts?
 - A zip tie
 - B multi-tool
 - C handcuffs
 - D flashlight
- 3 What is true of the bulletproof vest?
 - A It is the most expensive item.
 - B It includes plates in all models.
 - C It is available in multiple sizes.
 - D It can only be ordered by phone.

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Current Inventory

Item Code	Description	Cost
P141	Badge: standard five point star. Engraving extra.	\$8
P198	Boots: black, leather, reinforced toe and sole. Avail. sizes M 7-13 W 4-12.	\$110
P509	Bulletproof vest: adjustable size, fits over uniform. Optional reinforced front/back plates extra. Call for details.	\$400
P040	Duty belt: adjustable, holds up to ten items.	\$70
P588	Flashlight: lightweight, 20 cm length, uses C batteries (not included).	\$15
P422	Gloves: black leather. Avail sizes S, M, L, XL.	\$20
P188	Handcuffs: stainless steel.	\$30
P454-P499	Holster: all leather. Locking belt clip. Specify gun make and model when ordering.	\$45-\$200
P098	Multi-tool: 9 useful tools in one! Case included.	\$65
P905	Radio: five channels. Rechargeable.	\$100
P112	Restraint (pair): nylon web. 12 cm.	\$8
P113	Zip tie (pack of 12): white.	\$6

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Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-5) with the definitions (A-E).

- 1 __ zip tie
- 2 __ duty belt
- 3 __ multi-tool
- 4 __ radio
- 5 __ boot

- A a device with many uses
- B a strap that holds an officer's tools
- C a device used for communication
- D equipment that protects the foot
- E an item that binds suspects' hands



zip tie

4 Choose the correct word for each blank.

- 1 badge / handcuffs
 - A The criminal couldn't move because of the _____.
 - B Robert wears his _____ on his uniform.
- 2 gloves / bulletproof vests
 - A These _____ protect officers' hands.
 - B Modern _____ can stop most bullets.
- 3 flashlight / restraints
 - A The _____ prevented him from moving.
 - B Use your _____ if it is too dark outside.

5 Listen and read the website again. Where does a police officer keep his or her pistol?

Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between two officers. Mark the statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ Handcuffs cost much more than zip ties.
- 2 ___ The woman thinks zip ties break easily.
- 3 ___ Using a zip tie requires both hands.

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

- Officer 1: You don't think they're our best option? They're so lightweight you can carry a dozen at a time.
- Officer 2: True, that's their main advantage.
- Officer 1: That and they're cheap. We can buy fifty or sixty for the price of one pair of handcuffs.
- Officer 2: Sure, that's something else they have 1 _____.
- Officer 1: And they're 2 _____. I could go on and on. So, what are their downsides then?
- Officer 2: The biggest downside is that they're difficult to put on correctly when you only have 3 _____.
- Officer 1: I see your point.
- Officer 2: I can slap 4 _____ on a suspect with one hand and have my other one free. I feel a lot safer and more in control that way.
- Officer 1: True, that's 5 _____.
- Officer 2: And 6 _____, that outweighs all their negatives.

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

- That's its main advantage.*
- That's something they have going for them.*
- One downside is ...*

Student A: You are a police officer. Talk to Student B about a piece of equipment. Talk about:

- its most useful feature
- other advantages
- comparison with other equipment

Student B: You are a police officer. Talk to Student A about police equipment.

Writing

9 Use the website and the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the customer feedback form.

Strong Arm Police Equipment Suppliers Customer Feedback Form

- Item ordered: _____
- Item Strengths: _____
- Item Weaknesses: _____
- Would you recommend this item to a friend? Y N
- Why or why not? _____