

Beating Crime

Functional Skills English E3-L1



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Document 1

New York City celebrates day without violent crime

For the first time in living memory, New York has spent a day entirely without violent crime.



BBC News

Thursday 29th November 2012

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-20536201>

For the first time in living memory, New York has spent a day entirely without violent crime.

The city police department's chief spokesman said that Monday was the most bloodshed-free 24-hour period in recent history. Not a single murder, shooting, stabbing or other incident of violent crime was reported for a whole day. Despite a July spike in homicides, the city's murder rate is on target to hit its lowest point since 1960. Just a few months ago, residents were living through what one tabloid newspaper called the "summer of blood".



Aggressive prevention tactics

Despite the fall in homicides, statistics point to a 3% overall rise in crime. There has also been a 9% increase in larceny, which police blame on a surge in smartphone thefts. But killings are now down 23% compared with last year, which represents a 50-year low. There have been 366 murders so far this year in New York City, compared with 472 at this time last year. Experts say such a low number of homicides is highly unusual for a US city of eight million people.

Gang-plagued Chicago, Illinois, has chalked up 462 murders this year, despite having a population of about 2.7 million people. There have been 301 murders in 2012 in the city of Philadelphia, which has 1.5 million people.

Some experts are praising the New York police department's aggressive crime-prevention tactics, notably the so-called Stop And Frisk policy, which has rooted out dozens of illegal guns. However, critics argue that it has led to hundreds of thousands of young blacks and Latinos being stopped without cause.

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Questions 1-6 are about **Document 1**.

1. Which of the following could most appropriately be used to replace the word '**homicides**' in the first paragraph? **(1)**

- a.) beatings
- b.) muggings
- c.) murders
- d.) burglaries

2. Which month saw a rise in the number of homicides? **(1)**

3. What was this period called in one newspaper? **(1)**

4. According to experts, such a low number of homicides was: **(1)**

- a.) to be expected in a US city of eight million people.
- b.) about average for a US city of eight million people.
- c.) above normal for a US city of eight million people.
- d.) unusual for a US city of eight million people.

5. Which notable policy was praised by experts? **(1)**

6. Of the cities mentioned in the article, which has the highest homicide rate? **(1)**

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Document 2

GROATSWORTH INDUSTRIES



“PROVIDING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL”

**Do you feel safe on the city streets?
Do you feel safe in your home?**



WHO WE ARE

Gloatsworth Industries is a private, profit-making company dedicated to all fields of human excellence and improving the lives of people everywhere.

WHAT WE DO

For a simple and affordable subscription fee, *Gloatsworth Industries* will supply private law enforcement officers to patrol **YOUR** area, day **AND** night.



Unlike traditional police forces we can provide:

- a detailed report of goings-on in your area
- a personal escort to customers wishing to venture out of their homes
- armed officers outside your property
- 80% more CCTV presence than currently supplied by your city council
- an aggressive, no-nonsense attitude towards intruders

All of our officers are ex-military, many having served in the special forces. We can **guarantee** your safety and protection at their hands.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

PACKAGE	MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION
8.00pm – 12.00am service	£500.00
8.00pm – 8.00am service	£1000.00
24 hour deluxe package	£1500.00

See www.gloatsworth.net for further details or to apply

WARNING You will no longer be protected if payments fail



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Questions 7-11 are about **Document 2**.

7. List **three** services that *Groatsworth Industries* can provide as part of its private police service. **(3)**

8. What is the **main** purpose of Document 2? **(1)**

- a.) To recruit staff.
- b.) To inform people about crime.
- c.) To advertise a service.
- d.) To instruct people how to deal with burglaries.

9. Read the following statements attributed to the information given in the document and decide whether they are true or false, according to the text: **(5)**

	True	False
Groatsworth Industries will provide more than 60% more CCT coverage than the city in which you live		
If you wish to apply for their services, you should visit www.groatsworth.net		
You will be able to subscribe to the 24 hour service for under a thousand pounds per month		
Groatsworth Industries is a charitable company		
Only people who have served in the army can work as Groatsworth Industries officers		
If your payment does not go through you are still covered		


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10. Identify three ways in which Document 2 has been laid out to help readers find information. **(3)**

11. You have a budget of £900 per month and have decided to subscribe to *Groatsworth Industries'* private police service to increase your safety on the streets and at home. **(5)**

You visit their website to apply. Fill in the form below:

 GROATSWORTH INDUSTRIES	PRIVATE LAW ENFORCEMENT APPLICATION FORM								
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Address	<input type="text"/>								
Email address	<input type="text"/>								
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>								
Subscription package (please click)									
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Answers (scored out of 23 possible marks)



1. c.) murders
2. July
3. The 'summer of blood'
4. d.) unusual for a US city of eight million people
5. The 'Stop And Frisk' policy
6. Chicago, Illinois
7. Any three of the following:
 - a detailed report of goings-on in your area
 - a personal escort to customers wishing to venture out of their homes
 - armed officers outside your property
 - 80% more CCTV presence than currently supplied by your city council
 - an aggressive, no-nonsense attitude towards intruders
8. c.) To advertise a service
- 9.

	True	False
Groatsworth Industries will provide more than 60% more CCT coverage than the city in which you live	X	
If you wish to apply for their services, you should visit www.groatsworth.net	X	
You will be able to subscribe to the 24 hour service for under a thousand pounds per month		X
Groatsworth Industries is a charitable company		X
Only people who have served in the army can work as Groatsworth Industries officers	X	
If your payment does not go through you are still covered		X

10. Any of the following:
 - Bold text
 - Short paragraphs
 - Subtitles
 - Information presented in a table
 - Any other suitable features
11. Form suitably filled in to apply for the 8.00pm – 8.00am service

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Curriculum mapping

Functional Skills English mapping

Coverage and range statements provide an indication of the type of content candidates are expected to apply in functional contexts. Relevant content can also be drawn from equivalent (school) National Curriculum levels and the Adult Literacy standards.

✓ indicates the main coverage and range skills that are (or can be) covered in this resource. However, these will vary with the student group and how the resource is used by the teacher.

Reference: Ofqual (2009), *Functional Skills criteria for English: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3, level 1 and level 2*. <http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/>

Entry 3 Reading skill standard:

Read and understand the purpose ✓ and content of straightforward texts that explain, inform and recount information

Coverage and range statements

- a) Understand the main points of texts ✓ Q8
- b) Obtain specific information through detailed reading ✓ Q3, Q4, Q6, Q9
- c) Use organisational features to locate information ✓ Q7
- d) Read and understand texts in different formats using strategies and techniques appropriate to task ✓ (many)

Level 1 Reading skill standard:

Read and understand a range of straightforward texts ✓

Coverage and range statements

- a) Identify the main points and ideas and how they are presented in a variety of texts ✓ Q10
- b) Read and understand texts in detail ✓ Q1, Q2, Q5, Q9
- c) Utilise information contained in texts ✓ Q11
- d) Identify suitable responses to texts ✓ Q11

** This resource also covers many **adult literacy curriculum** <http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/sflcurriculum> elements.