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**Level 5 – 22nd October, 2019**

## **Most of Europe's most-wanted criminals are women**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191022-most-wanted-5.html>

Most of the most-wanted fugitives in Europe are women. Europe's crime agency Europol said 18 of 21 criminals who are on the run from the authorities are women. The suspects are accused of a range of charges including murder, human trafficking and robbery. Europol has a "Crime has no gender" campaign. It said: "People think that usually these crimes are not being committed by women, but they are, and they are equally as serious as those committed by men." However, a crime expert said: "Some women do commit serious crimes. They do so far less frequently than men."

Europol hopes to raise awareness, "that women are just as likely to commit violent crimes as men." It said: "Even though the discourse is often around male fugitives, women can be just as bad." The campaign website asks: "Are women equally as capable of committing serious crimes as men?" It answers that question, stating: "The female fugitives featured on Europe's Most Wanted website prove that they are [capable]. Criminals of both genders in this new campaign by EU law enforcement are all wanted for grave offenses like murder...fraud, theft and trafficking in human beings."

Sources: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/10/19/europol-says-women-equally-capable-crime-men-reveals-most-wanted/>  
<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/murder-gun-running-witchcraft-europes-20653976>  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2019/10/19/women-fugitives-europol-posts-crime-has-no-gender-most-wanted-list/4035979002/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191022-most-wanted-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Most of the most-wanted       | a. by women         |
| 2. criminals who are on          | b. range of charges |
| 3. The suspects are accused of a | c. serious crimes   |
| 4. not being committed           | d. serious          |
| 5. they are equally as           | e. less frequently  |
| 6. crime                         | f. fugitives        |
| 7. Some women do commit          | g. the run          |
| 8. They do so far                | h. expert           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Europol hopes to | a. trafficking     |
| 2. women are just   | b. enforcement     |
| 3. commit violent   | c. beings          |
| 4. women can        | d. crimes          |
| 5. EU law           | e. raise awareness |
| 6. wanted for grave | f. be just as bad  |
| 7. fraud, theft and | g. offenses        |
| 8. human            | h. as likely       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191022-most-wanted-5.html>

Most of the most-wanted (1) \_\_\_\_\_ are women. Europe's crime agency Europol said (2) \_\_\_\_\_ criminals who are on the run (3) \_\_\_\_\_ are women. The suspects are accused of a range of charges including murder, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ robbery. Europol has a "Crime has no gender" campaign. It said: "People think that usually these crimes are not (5) \_\_\_\_\_ women, but they are, and they are equally as serious as those committed by men." However, a crime expert said: "Some women do commit serious crimes. They do so far (6) \_\_\_\_\_ men."

Europol (7) \_\_\_\_\_ awareness, "that women are just as likely to commit (8) \_\_\_\_\_ men." It said: "Even though the discourse is often around male fugitives, women can be just as bad." The campaign website asks: "Are women (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of committing serious crimes as men?" It answers that question, stating: "The female fugitives featured on Europe's Most Wanted (10) \_\_\_\_\_ they are [capable]. Criminals of both genders in this new campaign by EU (11) \_\_\_\_\_ all wanted for grave offenses like murder...fraud, theft and trafficking (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CRIMINALS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191022-most-wanted-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about criminals 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

