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**Level 3 – 28th July, 2022**

## **Czech police turn criminal's Ferrari into patrol car**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

What do police do with cars taken from criminals? Police in the Czech Republic have come up with a good idea for high-powered sports cars. They turned a criminal's Ferrari into a patrol car. The Ferrari 458 Italia is now part of the Czech Police's fleet of cars. It was almost brand new when they took it from a criminal. It only had 1,900 km on the clock. The same kind of car usually sells for around \$275,000. The force spent around \$14,000 to turn it into a police car. It was originally Ferrari red in colour, but the police repainted it yellow and blue. These are the colours of police cars in Czechia. They also fitted it with fluorescent stripes, cameras, a radio, a siren, and flashing police lights on the roof.

A police spokesperson said they would use the Ferrari in high-speed chases. He said it would be able to catch any joyrider on the roads. Police will also pursue drivers taking part in illegal road races. The spokesperson added that the car would be used against some of the country's "most aggressive" criminals on the roads. Police in Czechia seize many vehicles from criminals each year. They sell most of them and give the money to victims of traffic crimes. They turn others into patrol cars. The Ferrari is the most luxurious to become a patrol car. Czechia has a long way to go to match Dubai's fleet of supercars. Dubai police get to drive Lamborghinis, Bugattis and an Aston Martin to keep their roads safer.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jul/25/czech-police-turn-seized-ferrari-into-patrol-car>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-62295674>  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/07/26/czech-police-ferrari-458-italia/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. POLICE CARS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about police cars. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

police / criminals / good ideas / sports cars / patrol car / brand new / clock / siren / Ferrari / chases / road races / aggressive / vehicles / luxurious / traffic / crimes

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

**3. SPORTS CARS:** Students A **strongly** believe all police patrol cars should be sports cars; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. CRIMINALS' PROPERTY:** What should be done with the property of criminals taken by police? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What Should Be Done?	Why?
Fast cars		
Jewellery		
Houses		
Money		
Pets		
Weapons		

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

**6. VEHICLES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best police vehicles at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Supercars
- Helicopters
- Segways
- Bicycles
- Motorbikes
- Speedboats
- Horses
- Police van

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. come up with | a. Never been used before.  |
| 2. fleet        | b. So bright it is easy to see even in the dark.  |
| 3. brand new    | c. Think of an idea for something.  |
| 4. spent        | d. A group of cars, ships or aircraft operating together for the same company or country. |
| 5. originally   | e. Used money for something.  |
| 6. fluorescent  | f. At first.  |
| 7. siren        | g. A kind of speaker that makes a loud and long warning sound.                            |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. chase       | h. A person harmed, injured, or killed because of a crime or accident.  |
| 9. joyrider    | i. Follow someone to try to catch them.                                 |
| 10. illegal    | j. In a very, very angry way.   |
| 11. aggressive | k. Cars, buses, trucks, etc. on the roads.                              |
| 12. victim     | l. Someone who steals a car and drives it fast and dangerously for fun. |
| 13. traffic    | m. Very, very comfortable or stylish, usually meaning a lot of money.   |
| 14. luxurious  | n. Against the law.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

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

1. Czech police are starting to use only high-powered sports cars. **T / F**
2. The Czech police force now has 458 Italian Ferraris. **T / F**
3. It cost the Czech police \$14,000 to convert a Ferrari into a patrol car. **T / F**
4. The Ferrari now has flashing lights on its roof. **T / F**
5. The police said they would use the Ferrari to catch joyriders. **T / F**
6. The police said it would be very aggressive in chasing drivers. **T / F**
7. The Czech police sell criminals' cars to give money to traffic victims. **T / F**
8. The Czech police will buy Lamborghinis from the Dubai police. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>criminals</b>  | a. lines       |
| 2. <b>turned</b>     | b. retails     |
| 3. <b>sells</b>      | c. expensive   |
| 4. <b>originally</b> | d. pursuits    |
| 5. <b>stripes</b>    | e. lawbreakers |
| 6. <b>chases</b>     | f. unlawful    |
| 7. <b>illegal</b>    | g. equal       |
| 8. <b>seize</b>      | h. transformed |
| 9. <b>luxurious</b>  | i. capture     |
| 10. <b>match</b>     | j. initially   |

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

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. come up                                   | a. speed chases          |
| 2. It was almost brand                       | b. on the roads          |
| 3. The same kind of car usually sells        | c. on the roof           |
| 4. fluorescent                               | d. luxurious             |
| 5. flashing police lights                    | e. for around \$275,000  |
| 6. use the Ferrari in high-                  | f. of traffic crimes     |
| 7. it would be able to catch any             | g. with a good idea      |
| 8. the country's "most aggressive" criminals | h. new                   |
| 9. give the money to victims                 | i. joyrider on the roads |
| 10. The Ferrari is the most                  | j. stripes               |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

What do police do with cars (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from criminals? Police in the Czech Republic have come up with a good (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for high-powered sports cars. They turned a criminal's Ferrari into a patrol car. The Ferrari 458 Italia is now part of the Czech Police's fleet of cars. It was almost (3) \_\_\_\_\_ new when they took it from a criminal. It only had 1,900 km on the (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The same kind of car usually sells for around \$275,000. The force (5) \_\_\_\_\_ around \$14,000 to turn it into a police car. It was originally Ferrari red in colour, but the police (6) \_\_\_\_\_ it yellow and blue. These are the colours of police cars in Czechia. They also (7) \_\_\_\_\_ it with fluorescent stripes, cameras, a radio, a siren, and flashing police lights on the (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*brand*  
*spent*  
*fitted*  
*taken*  
*clock*  
*roof*  
*idea*  
*repainted*

A police spokesperson said they would use the Ferrari in high-(9) \_\_\_\_\_ chases. He said it would be able to catch any joyrider on the roads. Police will also (10) \_\_\_\_\_ drivers taking part in illegal road races. The spokesperson added that the car would be used (11) \_\_\_\_\_ some of the country's "most aggressive" criminals on the roads. Police in Czechia (12) \_\_\_\_\_ many vehicles from criminals each year. They sell most of them and give the money to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of traffic crimes. They turn (14) \_\_\_\_\_ into patrol cars. The Ferrari is the most luxurious to become a patrol car. Czechia has a long (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to go to match Dubai's fleet of supercars. Dubai police get to drive Lamborghinis, Bugattis and an Aston Martin to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ their roads safer.

*seize*  
*way*  
*pursue*  
*speed*  
*keep*  
*against*  
*others*  
*victims*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

- 1) Police in the Czech Republic have come up with \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a good ideas
  - b. the good idea
  - c. a good idea
  - d. a goods idea
- 2) The Ferrari 458 Italia is now part of the Czech Police's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. fleet of cars
  - b. float of cars
  - c. fret of cars
  - d. ferret of cars
- 3) they took it from a criminal. It only had 1,900 km \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on a clock
  - b. on the dock
  - c. on the clock
  - d. on the click
- 4) spent around \$14,000 to turn it into a police car. It was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. original a Ferrari red
  - b. originally Ferrari lead
  - c. originally Ferrari led
  - d. originally Ferrari red
- 5) a radio, a siren, and flashing police lights \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on the aloof
  - b. on the loop
  - c. on the route
  - d. on the roof
- 6) A police spokesperson said they would use the Ferrari in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. high-speed chases
  - b. high-speed chase is
  - c. high-speed chase says
  - d. high-speed chase
- 7) He said it would be able to catch any joyrider \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on the loads
  - b. on the raids
  - c. on the reds
  - d. on the roads
- 8) Police will also pursue drivers taking part in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ill eagle road races
  - b. illegal road races
  - c. ill legal road races
  - d. ill leaky road races
- 9) They sell most of them and give the money to victims \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. off traffic crimes
  - b. of terrific crimes
  - c. of traffic crimes
  - d. off terrific crimes
- 10) Dubai police get to drive Lamborghinis, Bugattis and an Aston Martin to keep \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their roads saver
  - b. their roads safer
  - c. their roads safe far
  - d. their roads say far

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

What (1) \_\_\_\_\_ with cars taken from criminals? Police in the Czech Republic have come up with (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for high-powered sports cars. They turned a criminal's Ferrari into a patrol car. The Ferrari 458 Italia is now part of the Czech Police's (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It was almost brand new when they took it from a criminal. It only had 1,900 km (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The same kind of car usually sells for around \$275,000. The force spent around \$14,000 to turn it into a police car. It was originally Ferrari (5) \_\_\_\_\_, but the police repainted it yellow and blue. These are the colours of police cars in Czechia. They also fitted it with fluorescent stripes, cameras, a radio, a siren, and flashing police lights (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

A police spokesperson said they would use the Ferrari in (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He said it would be able to catch any joyrider on the roads. Police will also pursue drivers taking (8) \_\_\_\_\_ road races. The spokesperson added that the car would be used against some of the country's "most aggressive" criminals on the roads. Police in Czechia (9) \_\_\_\_\_ from criminals each year. They sell most of them and give the money (10) \_\_\_\_\_ traffic crimes. They turn others into patrol cars. The Ferrari is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to become a patrol car. Czechia has a long way to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Dubai's fleet of supercars. Dubai police get to drive Lamborghinis, Bugattis and an Aston Martin to keep their roads safer.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

1. What kind of idea does the article say the police had?
2. What is the model of the Ferrari?
3. How many kilometres had the Ferrari done when the police got it?
4. In what colours was the Ferrari repainted?
5. What's on the roof of the new Ferrari patrol car?
6. Who will the Ferrari be able to catch on the roads?
7. What kind of criminals will be Ferrari be used against?
8. Where does some of the money from selling criminals' cars go to?
9. What car in the Czech Police's fleet is the most luxurious?
10. Which city has a better fleet of supercars?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

- 1) What kind of idea does the article say the police had?
  - a) a sudden idea
  - b) a bad idea
  - c) a good idea
  - d) a terrible idea
- 2) What is the model of the Ferrari?
  - a) a 458 Italia
  - b) a 548 Italia
  - c) a 485 Italia
  - d) a 854 Italia
- 3) How many kilometres had the Ferrari done when the police got it?
  - a) 1,800 km
  - b) 1,900 km
  - c) 1,500 km
  - d) 1,700 km
- 4) In what colours was the Ferrari repainted?
  - a) yellow and red
  - b) green and blue
  - c) blue and red
  - d) blue and yellow
- 5) What's on the roof of the new Ferrari patrol car?
  - a) fluorescent stripes
  - b) radios and sirens
  - c) flashing police lights
  - d) the words "Ferrari Police"
- 6) Who will the Ferrari be able to catch on the roads?
  - a) anyone
  - b) joyriders
  - c) F1 drivers
  - d) other police cars
- 7) What kind of criminals will be Ferrari be used against?
  - a) robbers
  - b) the worst
  - c) pickpockets
  - d) aggressive criminals
- 8) Where does some of the money from selling criminals' cars go to?
  - a) road safety
  - b) victims of traffic crimes
  - c) better roads
  - d) new Ferraris
- 9) What car in the Czech Police's fleet is the most luxurious?
  - a) a Lamborghini
  - b) the Ferrari
  - c) a Rolls Royce
  - d) an Aston Martin
- 10) Which city has a better fleet of supercars?
  - a) Dubai
  - b) London
  - c) Tokyo
  - d) New York

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Supercars**

You think supercars are the best form of transport for the police. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): helicopters, horses or Segways.

## **Role B – Helicopters**

You think helicopters are the best form of transport for the police. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): supercars, horses or Segways.

## **Role C – Horses**

You think horses are the best form of transport for the police. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): helicopters, supercars or Segways.

## **Role D – Segways**

You think Segways are the best form of transport for the police. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): helicopters, horses or supercars.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

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

<b>police</b>	<b>car</b>
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- 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"><li>• idea</li><li>• now</li><li>• new</li><li>• spent</li><li>• yellow</li><li>• fitted</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• high</li><li>• illegal</li><li>• against</li><li>• money</li><li>• match</li><li>• safer</li></ul>
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# POLICE CARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

Write five GOOD questions about police cars 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.

# POLICE CARS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'police'?
3. What do you think of police cars?
4. What should happen to cars taken from criminals?
5. Would you like a high-powered sports car?
6. Is it a good idea for police to have Ferrari's?
7. Have you ever seen a police chase?
8. Would being a traffic police officer be a good job?
9. How good at solving crime are the police in your country?
10. What should police do with other things taken from criminals?

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# POLICE CARS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'car'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of Ferraris?
15. What do you think of joyriders?
16. How often do you see aggressive criminals on the roads?
17. What do you think of road rage?
18. Should victims of crime always get money?
19. Why do you think Dubai police have so many supercars?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Czech police?

# 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

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

- |     |               |               |                |               |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) taken     | (b) given     | (c) stolen     | (d) driven    |
| 2.  | (a) powers    | (b) powerful  | (c) powered    | (d) powerless |
| 3.  | (a) feet      | (b) float     | (c) fleet      | (d) foot      |
| 4.  | (a) timepiece | (b) time      | (c) watch      | (d) clock     |
| 5.  | (a) original  | (b) originals | (c) originally | (d) originate |
| 6.  | (a) put       | (b) fitted    | (c) raced      | (d) armed     |
| 7.  | (a) joyful    | (b) joyrider  | (c) joy        | (d) joyless   |
| 8.  | (a) opposed   | (b) against   | (c) protect    | (d) in case   |
| 9.  | (a) size      | (b) sieve     | (c) seize      | (d) sever     |
| 10. | (a) victim    | (b) victimise | (c) victimless | (d) victims   |
| 11. | (a) luxuriate | (b) luxuries  | (c) luxury     | (d) luxurious |
| 12. | (a) safes     | (b) safety    | (c) safely     | (d) safer     |

# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. the Czech Police's elfte of cars
2. It was almost bndar new
3. It was orailgnyi Ferrari red in colour
4. They also etfidt it
5. sufrlnteeco stripes
6. nfgiaslh police lights on the roof

## Paragraph 2

7. A police oppkoesnsser
8. catch any dorrjiye on the roads
9. part in eigalll road races
10. the country's most grssgieeva criminals
11. give the money to sicitym of traffic crimes
12. The Ferrari is the most soiuruxul

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) What do police do with cars taken from criminals? Police in the Czech Republic have come up with a good
- ( ) around \$14,000 to turn it into a police car. It was originally Ferrari red in colour, but the police repainted it yellow
- ( ) stripes, cameras, a radio, a siren, and flashing police lights on the roof.
- ( ) A police spokesperson said they would use the Ferrari in high-speed chases. He said it would be able to catch
- ( ) way to go to match Dubai's fleet of supercars. Dubai police get to drive
- ( ) Lamborghinis, Bugattis and an Aston Martin to keep their roads safer.
- ( ) into patrol cars. The Ferrari is the most luxurious to become a patrol car. Czechia has a long
- ( ) any joyrider on the roads. Police will also pursue drivers taking part in illegal road races. The spokesperson added that the car would
- ( ) vehicles from criminals each year. They sell most of them and give the money to victims of traffic crimes. They turn others
- ( ) idea for high-powered sports cars. They turned a criminal's Ferrari into a patrol car. The Ferrari 458 Italia is now part
- ( ) criminal. It only had 1,900 km on the clock. The same kind of car usually sells for around \$275,000. The force spent
- ( ) and blue. These are the colours of police cars in Czechia. They also fitted it with fluorescent
- ( ) be used against some of the country's "most aggressive" criminals on the roads. Police in Czechia seize many
- ( ) of the Czech Police's fleet of cars. It was almost brand new when they took it from a

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

1. have idea . with a good come Police up
2. a a turned They into car . Ferrari patrol
3. cars . of Police's the Czech fleet of Part
4. It brand it . was they new took when
5. in Ferrari was It red originally colour .
6. it would catch any joyrider on the roads .
7. races . drivers Pursue taking part in illegal road
8. money traffic the Give to victims of crimes .
9. The most become to a patrol luxurious car .
10. to A way Dubai . go long to match

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220728-patrol-car.html>

What do police *do / doing* with cars taken from criminals? Police in the Czech Republic have come *up / down* with a good idea for high-powered sports cars. They *tuned / turned* a criminal's Ferrari into a patrol car. The Ferrari 458 Italia is now part *of / at* the Czech Police's fleet of cars. It was almost *bland / brand* new when they took it from a criminal. It only had 1,900 km *in / on* the clock. The same kind of car *usually / usual* sells for around \$275,000. The force *spent / spending* around \$14,000 to turn it into a police car. It was originally Ferrari red in colour, but the police repainted it yellow and blue. These *are / be* the colours of police cars in Czechia. They also fitted it with fluorescent stripes, cameras, a radio, a siren, and *flushing / flashing* police lights on the roof.

A police spokesperson said they would *use / abuse* the Ferrari in high-speed chases. He said it would be able to catch any joyrider *in / on* the roads. Police will also *pursue / purse* drivers taking part in illegal road races. The spokesperson *subtracted / added* that the car would be used against some of the country's "most aggressive" criminals on the roads. Police in Czechia *seize / sieve* many vehicles from criminals each year. They sell *mostly / most* of them and give the money to victims of *traffic / truffle* crimes. They turn others into patrol cars. The Ferrari is the *must / most* luxurious to become a patrol car. Czechia has a long way to go to *match / mix* Dubai's fleet of supercars. Dubai police get to drive Lamborghinis, Bugattis and an Aston Martin to keep their roads *safety / safer*.

**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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s\_f\_r.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. POLICE CARS:** Make a poster about police cars. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. CRIMINALS' PROPERTY:** Write a magazine article about selling all property seized by police to help victims of crime. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 an expert on police cars. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make police cars better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. d    3. a    4. e    5. f    6. b    7. g  
8. i    9. l    10. n    11. j    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 T    5 T    6 F    7 T    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. h	3. b	4. j	5. a
6. d	7. f	8. i	9. c	10. g

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A good idea
2. A 458 Italia
3. 1,900 km
4. Blue and yellow
5. Flashing police lights
6. Joyriders
7. Aggressive criminals
8. Victims of traffic crimes
9. The Ferrari
10. Dubai

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Police have come up with a good idea.
2. They turned a Ferrari into a patrol car.
3. Part of the Czech Police's fleet of cars.
4. It was brand new when they took it.
5. It was originally Ferrari red in colour.
6. It would catch any joyrider on the roads.
7. Pursue drivers taking part in illegal road races.
8. Give the money to victims of traffic crimes.
9. The most luxurious to become a patrol car.
10. A long way to go to match Dubai.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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 ;-)