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**Level 5 – 29th July 2024**

## **Violence against women and girls at 'epidemic' levels**

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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/2407/240729-violence-against-women-5.html>

Police in the UK have highlighted a surge in violence against women and girls. It states that criminal acts against women and girls are at record levels. More than one million crimes have been reported in a year. This is the tip of the iceberg. There is a huge number of unreported instances of violence. London's police wrote about the gravity of this. They said: "Violence against women and girls is endemic...and a threat to society on the same scale as terrorism." Crimes against women constituted 20% of all recorded crime. It said: "We must act to change the unacceptable reality for women."

Senior police official Maggie Blyth called the statistics "staggering". She said: "Violence against women and girls is a national emergency. We need to move forward as a society to make change, and no longer accept violence against women and girls as inevitable." One in every 12 women will be a victim of violence. One in every six murders is from domestic abuse. More than two million people will be perpetrators of violence against women and girls. The report said gender-based violent crimes included harassment, murder, online sexual abuse, rape, and stalking.

Sources: <https://news.met.police.uk/news/tackling-violence-against-women-and-girls-will-require-the-whole-system-to-step-up-486419>  
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/7/23/violence-against-women-girls-at-epidemic-levels-uk-police>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/violence-against-women-and-girls-related-crime-reaches-staggering-levels-13183550>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. highlighted a surge              | a. of the iceberg        |
| 2. criminal                         | b. levels                |
| 3. at record                        | c. scale as terrorism    |
| 4. This is the tip                  | d. is endemic            |
| 5. a huge number of unreported      | e. reality for women     |
| 6. Violence against women and girls | f. in violence           |
| 7. a threat to society on the same  | g. instances of violence |
| 8. change the unacceptable          | h. acts against women    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Blyth called the statistics | a. as a society         |
| 2. a national                  | b. of violence          |
| 3. We need to move forward     | c. violence             |
| 4. no longer accept violence   | d. emergency            |
| 5. a victim of                 | e. based violent crimes |
| 6. One in every                | f. "staggering"         |
| 7. be perpetrators             | g. six murders          |
| 8. gender-                     | h. against women        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240729-violence-against-women-5.html>

Police in the UK have highlighted (1) \_\_\_\_\_ violence against women and girls. It states that criminal acts against women and girls are (2) \_\_\_\_\_. More than one million crimes have been reported in a year. This is the tip (3) \_\_\_\_\_. There is a huge number of unreported instances of violence. London's police wrote (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of this. They said: "Violence against women and girls is endemic...and a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on the same scale as terrorism." Crimes against women constituted 20% of all recorded crime. It said: "We must act to change the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ women."

Senior police official Maggie Blyth called (7) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "Violence against women and girls is a national emergency. We need to move forward as a society to make change, and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ violence against women and girls as inevitable." One in every 12 women will be a victim of violence. One in every six murders is (9) \_\_\_\_\_. More than two million people will (10) \_\_\_\_\_ violence against women and girls. The report said (11) \_\_\_\_\_ crimes included harassment, murder, (12) \_\_\_\_\_, rape, and stalking.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# VIOLENCE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240729-violence-against-women-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about violence 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240729-violence-against-women-5.html>

Write about **violence** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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