

# 1 Equipment: Basic equipment



## 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.

### Strong Arm Police Equipment Suppliers

#### Current Inventory

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



## 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? \_\_\_\_\_