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DNA spray in fight against crime

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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America's ABC News reports that scientists have found a new way to help police find bank robbers – a DNA spray. A company called Selectamark created the new crime-solving product. It will soon be available in stores for shop owners and banks to buy. It is a small device that sprays an invisible mist on robbers, shoplifters and other criminals. The chemicals in the spray do not wash off for many weeks. It contains a special DNA code that links it directly to the place that was robbed. The police use ultraviolet light to find the spray.

This is a clever new weapon in the fight against crime. Criminals may now think twice before robbing a bank or shoplifting from a store. The only way they can beat this new technology is to hide for a month and take lots of showers. It's amazing how technology is used to stop crime. Maybe in the future, there will be no crime. Or maybe most crimes will be on the Internet. Governments are spending billions of dollars to fight cyber-crime. Cyber-criminals can steal from our bank account and take our identity.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. scientists have found a new | a. an invisible mist |
| 2. new crime- | b. way to help police |
| 3. It will soon be available | c. to find the spray |
| 4. a small device that sprays | d. in stores |
| 5. The chemicals in the spray | e. solving product |
| 6. police use ultraviolet light | f. do not wash off |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a clever new weapon in the fight | a. a month |
| 2. Criminals may now think twice | b. against crime |
| 3. hide for | c. billions of dollars |
| 4. most crimes will be | d. before robbing a bank |
| 5. Governments are spending | e. our bank account |
| 6. Cyber-criminals can steal from | f. on the Internet |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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to help police find bank robbers – a DNA spray. A company called
Selectamark created _____ product. It will soon
be available in stores for shop owners and banks to buy. It is a
_____ an invisible mist on robbers, shoplifters
and other criminals. The chemicals in _____
off for many weeks. It _____ code that links it
directly to the place that was robbed. The police use ultraviolet
_____.

This is _____ in the fight against crime.
Criminals may now _____ robbing a bank or
shoplifting from a store. The only way they can beat this new
technology _____ month and take lots of
showers. It's amazing how technology is
_____. Maybe in the future, there will be no
crime. Or maybe most crimes will be on the Internet.
Governments _____ of dollars to fight cyber-
crime. Cyber-criminals can steal from our bank account
_____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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America's ABC News reports that scientists have found a new (1) _____ to help police find bank robbers – a DNA spray. A company called Selectamark created the new crime-solving (2) _____. It will soon be (3) _____ in stores for shop owners and banks to buy. It is a small device that sprays an invisible mist (4) _____ robbers, shoplifters and other criminals. The chemicals in the spray do not wash (5) _____ for many weeks. It contains a special DNA code that links it (6) _____ to the place that was robbed. The police use ultraviolet light to find the spray.

This is a (7) _____ new weapon in the fight against crime. Criminals may now think twice before (8) _____ a bank or shoplifting from a store. The only way they can (9) _____ this new technology is to hide for a month and take lots of showers. It's amazing how technology is used to stop crime. Maybe in the future, there (10) _____ be no crime. Or maybe most crimes will be (11) _____ the Internet. Governments are spending billions of dollars to fight cyber-crime. Cyber-criminals can steal from our bank account and take our (12) _____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) ways | (b) weigh | (c) way |
| 2. | (a) product | (b) produce | (c) producer |
| 3. | (a) use | (b) available | (c) sale |
| 4. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) to |
| 5. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) off |
| 6. | (a) directly | (b) direct | (c) direction |
| 7. | (a) clever | (b) intelligent | (c) talented |
| 8. | (a) rob | (b) robbed | (c) robbing |
| 9. | (a) win | (b) beat | (c) lost |
| 10. | (a) will | (b) won't | (c) will not |
| 11. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at |
| 12. | (a) ID | (b) identify | (c) identity |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. help police find bank bobesrr
2. the new crime-solving uoctrpd
3. aaivlebal in stores
4. sprays an seilnibvi mist
5. a aclspei DNA code
6. police use alvtloruiet light

Paragraph 2

7. a clever new paneow
8. the fight ingtsaa crime
9. think itwce
10. take lots of sohsrwe
11. spending nilblsoi of dollars
12. take our tiedtyni

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () it directly to the place that was robbed. The police use ultraviolet light to find the spray.
- () billions of dollars to fight cyber-crime. Cyber-criminals can steal from our bank account and take our identity.
- () future, there will be no crime. Or maybe most crimes will be on the Internet. Governments are spending
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- () month and take lots of showers. It's amazing how technology is used to stop crime. Maybe in the
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- () owners and banks to buy. It is a small device that sprays an invisible mist on robbers, shoplifters and
- () other criminals. The chemicals in the spray do not wash off for many weeks. It contains a special DNA code that links
- () This is a clever new weapon in the fight against crime. Criminals may now think

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. a to found way police have new help Scientists.

2. created crime-solving the product new Selectamark .

3. It stores in available be soon will.

4. sprays A an small invisible device mist that.

5. use the ultraviolet spray light to Police find.

6. new the crime clever in against A weapon fight.

7. twice think now may Criminals.

8. month lots a take showers for and of Hide.

9. will crimes Most Internet the on be.

10. criminals from account - steal bank Cyber can our.

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. _____

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. CRIME: Search the Internet and find more information about crime and cyber-crime. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about crime. Include imaginary interviews with criminals and victims. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. 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.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to the person who invented the DNA spray. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to beat crime. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.