

UNIT 4 : CRIME AND VIOLENCE

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Lesson type: Reading (Text p46)

Brainstorming (3min)

Read these statements about guns and violence. Do you agree or disagree with them? Why?

1- There would be less violence if people were not allowed to own guns.
2- People have the right to own guns to protect themselves.
3- Guns do not protect you. They increase your risk of being shot.

LEARNING CONTEXT

On the occasion of the celebration of the Martin Luther King Junior's day, the US embassy is organizing a debate competition intended for the English clubs about the following topic: Do you think it is a good idea to own a gun? To take part in this debate, you read a text to find some information about the topic.

LESSON CONTENT

A- VOCABULARY

1- **Average** is the result you get when you add values and divide the total by the number of values that you added.
2- Something s**hocking** surprises and upsets very much.
3- **Availability** = Being ready to use
4- Unrelated = Not linked
5- **Regulation** = Control by rules (laws)
6- **Gun-free** = Without guns

B- LANGUAGE FUNCTION

Communication: Expressing opinions

To express one's opinion, we can use expressions like: ***In my opinion/ As far as I am concerned/ I think that/ Speaking for myself….***

Examples:

- **As far as** I am concerned, it is one of the biggest problems we have at college.
- **In my opinion,** it is one of the biggest problems we have at college.
- **I think that** it is one of the biggest problems we have at college.

SESSION 3 : COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY

It is the celebration of the Martin Luther King Junior's day and your English club is taking part in the debate competition about the topic: "***Do you think it is a good idea to own gun?***"

In groups of four (4) students, discuss the question;
- two (2) students are for and two are Against
- use the phrases expressing opinions.

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EXERCISES

Activity 1: **Read quickly the text and give one (1) argument for gun regulation and one (1) against.**

Activity 2 : **Read the text again and match the words from the text in column A with their meanings in column B. One meaning is not concerned.**

A	B
1- Average (L1)	a- Control by rules (laws)
2- Shocking (L20)	b- Without guns
3- Availability (L23)	c- Not linked
4- Unrelated (L33)	d- Something that surprises and upsets very much
5- Regulation (L49)	e- The result you get when you add values and divide the total by the number of values that you added
6- Gun-free (L69)	f- Being ready to use
	g- social

Activity 3: **Read the text one more time and choose the correct words in brackets to complete the sentences.**

1- The main cause of children's death in the United states is (**1-rape/ 2-homicide/3-kidnipping**).
2- In South Africa, young men are often killed in violence related to (**1-gangs/ 2-arson/ 3-rape**)
3- (**1-handguns/ 2-shotguns/ 3-knives**) are responsible for most homicides in the United States.
4- Criminals get guns on the (**1-fleamarket/ 2-mall/ 3-blackmarket**).
5- Criminals also (**1-steal/ 2-buy/ 3-lend**) guns during robberies.
6- Some people like to carry guns in order to (**1-project/ 2-injure/ 3-protect**) themselves.
7- Having a gun at home can be dangerous because it can be used (**1-before/ 2-against/ 3-towards**) you in a robbery.
8- Violence is often the result of (**1-social/ 2-unrest/ 3-gun**) problems in a society.

Activity 4: **Read the following sentences and choose the correct words.**

1- As far (**is/ as**) am concerned, it is one of the biggest problems we have at college.
2- What is your (**view/ viewing**) on sexual harassment at college?
3- (**Personally/ personality**) the problem is greatly exaggerated.

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