

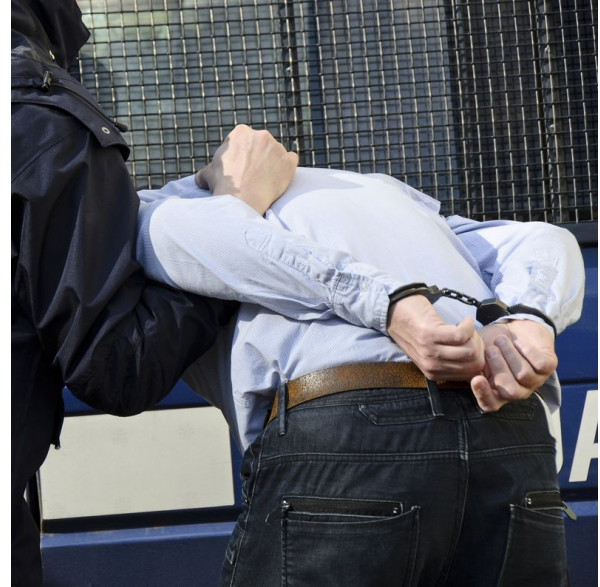


SEXUAL OFFENCES



Scan to review worksheet

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1 Warm up

Discuss the questions in pairs or small groups.

1. Are you familiar with Andrew Tate? What is your opinion of him?
2. What effect do you think the pandemic had on the number of sexual offences being committed?
3. Do you think the #MeToo movement has been successful in achieving its goals?
4. Should punishments for sex crimes be harsher than they currently are?

2 Focus on vocabulary

Part A: Match the vocabulary with the correct definition.

Group 1

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| 1. <u>misogynist</u> (n) | a. a new activity, usually in business, that involves risk or uncertainty |
| 2. take <u>into custody</u> (phrase) | b. arresting a potential criminal |
| 3. <u>charge</u> (n) | c. the crime of buying and selling people, or making money from work they are forced to do, such as sex work |
| 4. <u>human trafficking</u> (n) | d. a formal police statement saying that someone is accused of a crime |
| 5. <u>rape</u> (n) | e. the crime of forcefully having sex with someone against their wishes |
| 6. <u>venture</u> (n) | f. a man who hates women or believes that men are better than women |

**Group 2**

1. allege (v) a. give someone back their previous job or position, or cause something to exist again
2. notoriety (n) b. a short argument, usually about something that is not important
3. reinstate (v) c. cause the start of something, especially an argument or fighting
4. spat (n) d. a remark that is intended to criticise or embarrass
5. dig (n) e. being famous for something bad
6. spark (v) f. to say that someone has done something illegal or wrong without giving proof

Part B: Now complete the sentences with appropriate words from Part A. You may need to change the form of the word.

Group 1:

1. Most new business _____ fail within 12 months.
2. More than 20 women have been found in a lorry in Dover. It is believed they are victims of _____.
3. The defendant was found guilty of _____ and sentenced to eight years in prison.
4. Following a long search by police officers, the criminal was caught and _____.
5. There were many complaints of sexism and a lot of the employees believed their colleague was a _____.
6. After a thorough investigation, two men were _____ with murder.

Group 2:

1. The fierce disagreement was _____ by the fact that the defendant had made outrageous claims about the victim.
2. Despite having been to prison, he was _____ in his old job.
3. The judge told the two lawyers to stop having _____ at each other in court.
4. She gained _____ for committing a number of bank robberies in the 90s.
5. It started as a small _____ between neighbours and escalated into a serious, long-running disagreement.
6. The victim _____ that the defendant deliberately stole money from the business.



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Listening for comprehension

You are going to listen to a report about the arrest of the social media influencer, Andrew Tate. Answer the questions true (T), false (F), or not given (NG).

1. Four people were arrested in Romania. _____
2. Tate's business plan had yet to make a profit. _____
3. Romanian authorities want to extend Tate's prison sentence. _____
4. Tate started his business in 2017. _____
5. Tate was allowed on some forms of social media in 2022. _____
6. Tate's arrest is not the first time he has been in jail. _____

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Discussion

Discuss the questions in pairs or small groups.

1. Do social media companies have a responsibility to remove people like Andrew Tate from their platforms?
2. Do you believe "toxic masculinity" is increasing? If so, why do you think it is on the rise?
3. Do you think that misogyny should be considered a crime?

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Legal vocabulary

Add the following words to the gaps in the definitions.

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1. indecent exposure (n) - when someone deliberately _____ his or her genitals or, if female, breasts
2. stalk (v) - persistently _____ a person, often to the point of obsession
3. grooming (n) - the crime of _____ a child for illegal activity, especially sexual activity
4. sexual harassment (n) - the offensive or _____ behaviour of a person who regularly makes sexual comments or touches someone in a sexual way
5. age of consent (n) - the age at which a person is legally capable of _____ to sexual intercourse
6. solicit (v) - _____ a person, usually with money, to commit a sexual act



6 Reading: word formation

Look at the short extract below about sexual offences. Use the words in capitals to form a new word that fits in the space in the same line.

Laws _____¹ (RELATE) to sex are different around the world. In most countries, the age of consent is at least 16, but in Japan, it is just 13. In some countries like Senegal, the Netherlands, and Germany, _____² (SOLICIT) a prostitute is legal under certain circumstances. Grooming a child can be punishable by death in Iran, while in the UK, _____³ (DECENT) exposure is usually dealt with by issuing a fine. Since the #MeToo movement, studies have found that explicit sexual _____⁴ (HARASS) in the workplace has decreased, but conversely, there has been an increase in non-sexual _____⁵ (HOSTILE) directed towards women. Furthermore, since the pandemic, the number of stalking cases in the UK has _____⁶ (DRAMATIC) increased.

Sources: HBR

7 Scanning for vocabulary

Look at the text below about copyright protection. Find expressions or phrases which mean the same as the following.

1. _____ (n, para. 1): the fact that someone can be believed or trusted
2. _____ (adj, para. 1): showing that you feel sorry about something
3. _____ (adj, para. 2): happening after something else
4. _____ (adj, para. 3): done or produced four times a year
5. _____ (n, para. 3): a law court in England or Wales where serious criminal cases are judged
6. _____ (n, para. 4): a large number of things that should have been done before and must be done now
7. _____ (v, para. 4): become four times as big, or to multiply a number or amount by four
8. _____ (n, para. 6): someone who has committed a crime or a violent or harmful act



Report into handling of rape cases finds 'explicit victim blaming'

Sexual offence trials taking years to reach court.

1. An independent report in the UK has found evidence of police putting disproportionate effort into investigating the credibility of rape complainants and "explicit victim blaming". Findings from Operation Soteria, a programme aimed at transforming the way the police and CPS respond to rape cases, found that some officers "displayed a culture of disbelieving victims". Other serving officers do not think addressing rape and other sexual offences should be a priority for policing, while some believed most rape reports are instances of "regretful sex".
2. The report said: "At worst, officers demonstrated a lack of willingness to believe victims, which impacted on the subsequent investigation". Andrea Simon, director of the End Violence Against Women Coalition (EVAW), said: "This report serves to further highlight what women's organisations have long known- that cultural issues of misogyny, sexism, and racism in policing impact whether or not victims have access to justice, as well as how they are treated during the process, being disbelieved, blamed, and stereotyped". Checks to see if suspects had already been reported were not always carried out, despite the fact that researchers found that more than half of named suspects had criminal histories for a range of offences and one in four had a history of sexual offending.
3. The report cites the latest criminal justice data, showing that 901 cases were referred by the police to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in the second quarter of 2022, up 95% from the 2019 quarterly average. The number of adult rape cases reaching crown courts has also risen, with 440 receipts, up 91% from the pre-pandemic quarterly average, while the number of adult rape convictions was 41% higher than pre-pandemic levels in the year to June 2022 (532 up from 377).
4. However, since April the number of outstanding cases in the crown courts has been rising, creating a backlog of 62,500 cases by the end of September 2022. Kirsty Brimelow KC, chairwoman of the Criminal Bar Association, said: "It is encouraging that more cases are reaching court. However, complainants are waiting years for trials." She added that there are not enough barristers to prosecute in trials and quadrupling funding for support is "senseless" without investing to ensure there are enough barristers.
5. The report also provides rarely seen, in-depth data on the tens of thousands of cases it examined. It found that around one-third of police recorded rapes examined were also related to domestic abuse, and charge rates were lower for cases involving partners and former partners. At the same time, the number of offences being dropped because they fail to meet a deadline for prosecution has more than doubled in the last four years. Presently, the time limit to charge someone for common assault is six months from when the alleged incident occurred. As well as this, more than 98.4 per cent of rape allegations in England and Wales do not end in a conviction.
6. Labour MP and chair of the Commons Home Affairs Committee, Yvette Cooper, said the inability to bring cases to court is just another example of the criminal justice system failing to understand violence against women and girls. She commented: "There are so many reasons why victims and survivors of domestic abuse might not be able to report an assault straight away. But then to be told that the perpetrator is just going to be let off because they've run out of time is completely wrong. That is why the law needs to change."

Sources: Reuters, Independent, The Guardian



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Reading comprehension

Read the text about problems with the policing and prosecution of sex crimes in the UK. Choose the correct option for each question.

1. The report found that some police officers do not believe...
 - a. that women deserve legal protection against sexual predators.
 - b. the findings of the report.
 - c. rape should be a priority for policing.
 - d. any woman who says she was a victim of sexual assault.

2. The report found that a quarter of named suspects...
 - a. had a long history of mental illness.
 - b. had also been arrested multiple times before.
 - c. had never been arrested in the past.
 - d. had committed sexual offences previously.

3. The number of adult rape cases reaching crown courts...
 - a. is expected to decrease to pre-pandemic levels.
 - b. has risen significantly.
 - c. is matched by the number of rape convictions.
 - d. created a problem for the prison system.

4. A large number of common assault cases are dropped because...
 - a. victims do not provide any evidence.
 - b. they fail to meet the six-month deadline.
 - c. there is a backlog in police processing.
 - d. judges often blame the victim.

5. Yvette Cooper believes...
 - a. the deadline for reporting an assault should be extended.
 - b. stronger penalties should be introduced for attackers.
 - c. another investigation is necessary.
 - d. there is sufficient time for victims to report an attack.



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Talking point

In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. Since perpetrators of sexual assaults are often repeat offenders, what other measures could be taken?
2. Do you think punishment or education is more effective for people found guilty of crimes of this nature?
3. Why do you think so few rape allegations actually end in prosecution?
4. Do the report's findings about the attitudes of UK police officers surprise you? Do you think these views are shared by police officers in your country?

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Additional exercise/homework

Write an essay on one of the topics below. Your essay should agree or disagree with the statement and be at least 250 words long.

Topic 1

"There is a direct link between influencers such as Andrew Tate and sexual assault. Therefore, it should be considered a crime to post misogynistic content online."

Topic 2

"Law courts should accept a victim's testimony as fact during a sexual assault trial. It is the only way to ensure there are more convictions."

You should:

- Write at least 250 words
- Check your spelling, grammar, and punctuation