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1. At first, Dr Bateson put a picture of flowers behind the collection box because she wanted to know how much people will pay when nobody controls them. We can call the poster with flowers a neutral object because it’s something what many of us would treat as a part of the decoration. I am sure that teachers, who were the subjects of this secret test, treated it the same. It was, I can say, a research sample- something what’s always used in each experiment. Only that way Dr Bateson could really find out if picture of human eyes affects people’s behaviour, and how big this impact is.
2. First of all, the theory about lead petrol which is responsible for a crime wave in industrialised countries makes little of the politicians and the police. It shows that the crime rate doesn’t depend only on their efforts or money spent on crime prevention. Accordingly, the politicians just can’t regard any crime drop as their own success because the scientists have proved that’s also a chemical issue. Secondly, the lead petrol is probably cheaper and more easily available than eco-friendly lead-free fuel. I suppose that these politicians have also the agreements with the producers of this kind of fuel and they don’t want to depart from them.
3. By using this phrase, the writer is suggesting that, in fact, we can’t be sure what has deterred people from committing crimes in Glasgow. The claim about good impact of blue light is only an opinion of some psychologists, that’s not a fact. Maybe it has been only a coincidence. Or perhaps blue light doesn’t reduce people’s levels of stress and aggression, but quite the opposite- it makes the thieves feel insecure. Nobody can be sure about it until the research tells us the truth.