

## UNIT 24. LESSON 40

### INTERPOL

#### **Exercise 1.** Answer the questions

1. What is the primary reason for INTERPOL's existence?

To help police from different nations investigate crimes spanning multiple countries

To help police from different nations share information about effective policing practices

To ensure there is some functional police force in countries whose police are in disarray

To create an international coalition to prevent natural disasters from occurring

2. Which of the following is NOT an example of how INTERPOL uses innovative technology in the course of performing its duties?

Color-coded notices that inform worldwide branches about important information

Maintaining I-24/7, a searchable criminal database accessible to INTERPOL branches worldwide

Using advanced surveillance technology that is not available to domestic police forces

Keeping an international registry of key information such as fingerprints and DNA information

#### **Reading Exercise**

##### **Text: Understanding Interpol**

Interpol, short for the International Criminal Police Organization, is an international organization that helps police forces around the world work together. Established in 1923, Interpol has 195 member countries. It provides a platform for police to share information and collaborate on solving crimes that cross borders.

One of Interpol's key functions is issuing notices. The Red Notice is perhaps the most famous; it is a request to locate and provisionally arrest an individual pending extradition. Interpol also supports investigations by providing training, databases, and resources to police forces worldwide.

An example of Interpol's work is Operation Infra, which targets international fugitives. In 2015, this operation led to the arrest of 123 fugitives wanted for serious crimes like murder and human trafficking. This success highlights the importance of international cooperation in law enforcement.

1. What does Interpol stand for?

3. How many member countries does Interpol have?

4. What is a Red Notice?

5. Give an example of a successful operation conducted by Interpol.

1. Write a short paragraph (50-70 words) about the main purpose of Interpol. Imagine you are a police officer. Write a report (100-120 words) on how Interpol helped.

- o Brief description of the crime.

- o The outcome of the investigation.

Example Report:

Report on Interpol Assistance in Fraud Case

Recently, our department investigated a large-scale fraud case involving international suspects. Interpol assisted by providing crucial information through their databases and issuing a Red Notice to track the main suspect who fled to another country. With Interpol's help, the suspect was located and arrested within a month. This cooperation was vital in bringing the criminal to justice and recovering some of the stolen funds.

3. Write an essay (150-200 words) on the importance of Interpol in combating international crime. Discuss its functions, how it supports police forces, and provide an example of a notable case.

Example Essay:

The Importance of Interpol in Combating International Crime

Interpol plays a crucial role in the fight against international crime. With 195 member countries, it facilitates global police cooperation by providing a platform for sharing information and resources. One of its primary functions is issuing notices, such as the Red Notice, which helps track and arrest fugitives across borders.

Interpol supports police forces by offering training, maintaining databases on criminals, and coordinating joint operations. For instance, Operation Infra targets international fugitives wanted for serious crimes. In 2015, this operation resulted in the arrest of 123 fugitives involved in crimes such as murder and human trafficking. This success underscores the effectiveness of international collaboration facilitated by Interpol.

By bridging communication between different countries, Interpol enhances the ability of police forces to tackle crimes that extend beyond national borders, making the world a safer place.

1. Role-Play: Interpol Press Conference

Scenario: Interpol is holding a press conference to discuss a recent successful operation.

- o Divide students into pairs or small groups. One student plays the role of an Interpol spokesperson, and the others play journalists.

- o Preparation (3-5 minutes): The spokesperson prepares a brief statement about the operation.

- "Good afternoon. Interpol recently conducted Operation Safe Haven, targeting human trafficking networks. This operation led to the rescue of 50 victims and the arrest of 20 traffickers."

- Press Conference (5-7 minutes): Journalists ask questions, and the spokesperson answers.

- Journalist: "Can you provide more details on how the operation was conducted?"

- Spokesperson: "Certainly. We collaborated with police forces in five countries, using shared intelligence and coordinated raids to dismantle the networks."

## **2. Group Discussion: Benefits and Challenges of Interpol**

**Topic: Discuss the benefits and challenges of Interpol in international policing.**

- Form small groups of 3-4 students.

- Preparation (3-5 minutes): Each group lists at least three benefits and three challenges.

- Benefits: Enhanced international cooperation, access to global databases, coordinated operations.

- Challenges: Legal differences, communication barriers, coordination difficulties.

- Discussion (5-7 minutes): Each group discusses their points.

- "One major benefit is that Interpol allows countries to share crucial information quickly."

- "However, coordinating actions between different legal systems can be challenging."

- Presentation (3-5 minutes per group): Groups present their discussion points to the class.

## **3. Debate: The Effectiveness of Interpol**

**Topic: "Is Interpol the most effective tool for combating international crime?"**

- Divide the class into two teams. One team will argue that Interpol is the most effective tool, while the other team will argue that other methods (like bilateral agreements or national efforts) are more effective.

- Preparation (5 minutes): Each team prepares their arguments.

- Team A (Pro-Interpol): "Interpol's global network allows for efficient tracking of criminals across borders."

- Team B (Against-Interpol): "National efforts can be more focused and quicker to respond to local crimes."

- Debate (10-15 minutes): Teams take turns presenting their arguments.

- Team A: "Interpol's database access and coordination lead to higher arrest rates of international criminals."

- Team B: "National police understand local laws and culture better, making them more effective within their own jurisdictions."

- Conclusion (5 minutes): Each team summarizes their points, and the class votes on which argument was more convincing.

## **4. Interview: Talking with an Interpol Officer**

Scenario: Interviewing an Interpol officer about their experiences and the organization's impact.

- Pair up students. One student plays the role of a journalist, and the other plays an Interpol officer.

- Introduction (1 minute): Journalist introduces themselves and the interviewee.

- "Good afternoon, I am [Name], a journalist from [Country]. Today, we have Officer [Name] from Interpol with us."

- Interview (5-7 minutes): Journalist asks questions, and the officer answers.

- Journalist: "Can you tell us about a recent case where Interpol played a crucial role?"

- Officer: "Sure. Recently, Interpol helped track down a fugitive involved in a major drug trafficking ring. Our cooperation with various countries led to the arrest and prosecution of the suspect."

- Follow-up Questions (3-5 minutes): Continue the interview with follow-up questions.

- Journalist: "What are some of the challenges you face in your work with Interpol?"

- Officer: "One significant challenge is navigating different legal systems and ensuring seamless communication among various countries."