

UNIT 23. LESSON 38

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Reading Exercise

International Cooperation in Police Systems

International cooperation in police systems is essential for fighting crime that crosses borders. Countries work together to tackle issues such as drug trafficking, human trafficking, terrorism, and cybercrime. Organizations like Interpol and Europol play crucial roles in facilitating this cooperation.

Interpol is an international organization that helps police forces around the world work together. It has 195 member countries and provides a communication network for sharing information about crimes and criminals. Interpol helps to track criminals who move from one country to another.

Europol, the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation, focuses on supporting police forces within the European Union. Europol helps in gathering and analyzing information about crimes that affect multiple countries in Europe.

One example of international cooperation is the fight against drug trafficking. Police from different countries collaborate to track and arrest individuals involved in producing and selling illegal drugs. Another example is the fight against human trafficking, where international teams work together to rescue victims and arrest traffickers.

International police cooperation is also vital in fighting terrorism. By sharing intelligence and coordinating efforts, countries can prevent terrorist attacks and dismantle terrorist networks.

Cybercrime is another area where international cooperation is crucial. Criminals often use the internet to commit crimes across borders, making it necessary for police forces worldwide to collaborate in tracking these criminals and shutting down their operations.

1. What are some types of crimes that require international police cooperation?
2. What is Interpol, and how does it help police forces around the world?
3. What is Europol's primary focus?
4. Give an example of international cooperation in fighting crime.
5. Why is international cooperation important in combating cybercrime?

1. Write a short paragraph (50-70 words) about why international cooperation is important in fighting human trafficking.

Imagine you are a police officer in your country. Write an email (100-120 words)

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o o Brief introduction of yourself and your role.

o Description of the cybercrime case.

a o Specific information or assistance you need.

o How this cooperation could help solve the case.

p **Example Email:**

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Subject: Request for Assistance in Cybercrime Investigation

Dear Officer [Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am a detective with the Cybercrime Unit in [Your Country]. We are currently investigating a complex case involving online fraud and identity theft. Our investigation has led us to suspect that the perpetrators are based in your country.

We would greatly appreciate any information or assistance you can provide, particularly in identifying and locating the suspects. Your cooperation could be crucial in bringing these criminals to justice and preventing further victims.

Thank you for your help.

3. Write a short essay (150-200 words) on the role of Interpol in international police cooperation. Discuss its functions, how it supports member countries, and provide an example of a successful operation.

Example Essay:

The Role of Interpol in International Police Cooperation

Interpol, or the International Criminal Police Organization, plays a significant role in international police cooperation. With 195 member countries, Interpol facilitates the exchange of information and coordination of efforts to combat transnational crime. Its primary functions include issuing notices for wanted persons, providing a secure communication network, and supporting investigations across borders.

Interpol assists member countries by sharing crucial data on crimes and criminals, helping to track fugitives, and coordinating joint operations. One of its key tools is the Red Notice, an international request to locate and provisionally arrest individuals pending extradition. This tool has been instrumental in apprehending criminals who attempt to evade justice by fleeing to other countries.

A notable example of Interpol's success is Operation Infra (International Fugitive Round-Up and Arrest). This operation targets fugitives wanted for serious crimes such as murder, child sexual abuse, and drug trafficking. In one instance, Infra led to the capture of a notorious drug trafficker who had been on the run for years, demonstrating the power of international collaboration facilitated by Interpol.

By providing a platform for global cooperation, Interpol enhances the ability of police forces worldwide to combat crime effectively, making the world a safer place.

Speaking Exercise 1: Role-Play

Scenario: International Police Conference

Divide students into pairs. One student will play the role of a police officer from their country, and the other will play a police officer from another country. They are attending an international police conference to discuss cooperation in combating cybercrime.

1. Introduction (2 minutes): Each student introduces themselves and their role.
 - o "Hello, my name is [Name], and I am a detective from [Country]. I specialize in cybercrime investigations."

o "Nice to meet you. I am [Name] from [Country], and I work in the cybercrime division as well."

2. Discussion (5-7 minutes): Discuss a recent cybercrime case in your country and how international cooperation could help.

o "We recently encountered a major case of online fraud where the suspects seem to operate from multiple countries."

o "In my country, we are facing a similar issue with identity theft. How do you think we can collaborate to solve these problems?"

3. Plan of Action (5 minutes): Develop a plan on how to work together.

o "I think sharing intelligence and setting up a joint task force could be beneficial."

o "Agreed. We can also arrange regular communication and share resources like digital forensics tools."

Speaking Exercise 2: Group Discussion

Topic: Benefits and Challenges of International Police Cooperation

Form small groups of 3-4 students. Each group will discuss the benefits and challenges of international police cooperation. After the discussion, each group will present their points to the class.

1. Preparation (3-5 minutes): Discuss within the group and list at least three benefits and three challenges.

o Benefits: Enhanced resource sharing, improved intelligence, increased arrest rates.

o Challenges: Legal differences, language barriers, coordination difficulties.

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

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n o "However, one challenge is the legal differences between countries, which can complicate cooperation."

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

f o "Our group identified that international cooperation can greatly improve the efficiency of investigations. However, we also found that language barriers can be a significant obstacle."

h **Speaking Exercise 3: Debate**

e **Topic: "Is International Police Cooperation More Effective Than National Efforts Alone?"**

m Divide the class into two teams. One team will argue that international police cooperation is more effective, and the other team will argue that national efforts are more effective.

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r 1. Preparation (5 minutes): Each team prepares their arguments.

o Team A (Pro-International Cooperation): "International cooperation allows for better intelligence sharing and can track criminals across borders."

e o Team B (Pro-National Efforts): "National efforts are more focused and can act quickly without waiting for international coordination."

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2. Debate (10-15 minutes): Teams take turns presenting their arguments.
 - Team A: "Interpol's network helps catch criminals who flee across countries, which wouldn't be possible with just national efforts."
 - Team B: "National police forces understand their own legal systems and cultural contexts better, making them more efficient in their own jurisdictions."
3. Conclusion (5 minutes): Each team summarizes their points, and the class votes on which argument was more convincing.
 - "In conclusion, while national efforts are essential, international cooperation provides a broader scope for tackling transnational crime."

Speaking Exercise 4: Interview

Scenario: Interviewing an International Police Officer

Pair up students. One student plays the role of a journalist, and the other plays an international police officer. The journalist will interview the police officer about their experiences with international cooperation.

1. 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."
2. Interview (5-7 minutes): Journalist asks questions, and the police officer answers.
 - Journalist: "Can you tell us about a successful case where international cooperation was key?"
 - Officer: "Certainly. One notable case was a human trafficking ring that we dismantled by working with police from five different countries."
3. Follow-up Questions (3-5 minutes): Continue the interview with follow-up questions.
 - Journalist: "What challenges do you face in international operations?"
 - Officer: "One major challenge is coordinating between different legal systems and ensuring timely communication."