

UNIT 21. LESSON 34

DISTURBING THE PEACE

Get ready!

Task 1. Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

1. What are some ways that a person can bother others in a public place?
2. How do people respond to public disturbances in your country?



Active words: disturbing the peace, verbally assault, handcuffs, loiter, public, intoxicated, open container, disorderly conduct, verbally assault

Definition by Criminal Code of the Republic Of Uzbekistan

CHAPTER 20. CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER

Article 277. Hooliganism

Hooliganism, that is intentional disregard to the rules of conduct in society, accompanied with battery, infliction of trivial bodily injuries or destruction or damaging or another's property, that has caused significant damage shall be punished with a fine from fifty to one hundred minimum monthly wages, or correctional labor up to three

Definition by California Penal Code 415 PC

Disturbing the peace is a crime generally defined as the **unsettling** of proper order in a public place through ones actions. This can include creating loud noise by fighting or challenging to fight, disturbing others by loud and unreasonable noise (including loud music), or using **profanity**.

Disturbing the peace is a **misdemeanour**. Unless another sentence is specified, misdemeanours in Oklahoma are **punishable** by up to one year in jail, a **fine** of up to \$500, or both. Disorderly conduct is one of the class of misdemeanour, punishable by up to six month in jail and up to



Vocabulary

Task 2. Read and remember the following words.

1	disturbing the peace	jamoat tartibini buzish – нарушать (общественный) порядок
2	unsettling	tartibni buzish – нарушение порядка
3	profanity	haqoratli so‘z, so‘kish – ругательство, брань
4	misdemeanour	misdiminor (ma’muriy huquqbazarliklar bilan cheklanadigan xavfi katta bo‘lmagan jinoyat turi) – мисдиминор (категория наименее опасных преступлений, граничащих с административными правонарушениями)
5	punishable	jazoga loyiq, jazolanadigan – наказуемый, заслуживающий наказания
6	fine	jarima – штраф
7	verbally assault	og‘zaki haqorat – вербальное оскорбление
8	loiter	biror yerda o‘ralashmoq, bekor (sandiraqlab) yurmoq – слоняться без дела; околачиваться
9	public	jamoat – публика; общественность
10	threat	tahdid – угроза
11	intoxicated	mast (sarxush) holatda bo‘lish – находящийся в состоянии (наркотической) интоксикации; находящийся в состоянии опьянения
12	open container	ochiq butilka – открытая бутылка (обычно металлическая <i>напр.</i> пивная банка)
13	to force	majburlamoq – заставлять, принуждать
14	to warn	ogohlantirmoq – предупреждать; оповещать
15	disorderly conduct	jamoat tartibini buzish, o‘zini bebosh (beadab) tutish – поведение, нарушающее общественный порядок; нарушение общественного порядка
16	charge	ayblamoq, aybdor deb tormoq – обвинять; <i>to charge somebody with murder</i> – kimnidir qotillikda ayblamoq / обвинять кого-л. в убийстве
17	noise violation	shovqin chiqarish qoidabuzarligi – нарушение повышения шума
18	handcuffs	qo‘lkishanlari – наручники; <i>to put handcuffs on smb.</i> – kimgadir qo‘lkishan taqmoq / надеть на кого-л. наручники <i>to remove handcuffs</i> – kimdandir qo‘lkishanni yechib olmoq / снять наручники с кого-л.

Task 3. Check (+) the sentence that uses the underlined parts correctly.

1. __ A Larry verbally assaulted the officer with his fist.

- B** Paula was too intoxicated to drive.
2. **A** The manager reported the kids who loitered outside his store.
 B Greg was arrested for a noise violation after driving too fast.
3. **A** The loud music disturbed the neighbors.
 B Most officers encourage disorderly conduct.
4. **A** Laws exist to protect the public good.
 B Police charged the robbery victim.

Task 4. Fill In the blanks with the correct words and phrases from the word bank.

Word bank: drunk, disorderly conduct, open container, charge, noise violation, verbally assaulted

1. Brian _____ the officer by using offensive language.
2. The _____ woman could barely stand.
3. The officers did not have enough evidence to _____ David with burglary.
4. It is illegal to drive with a(n) _____.
5. The man reported a (n) _____ at the loud party
6. Six people were arrested for _____ after a fight broke out in the stadium.



Reading

Report number: 0005888904

Incident type: Disturbing the peace

Officer: Shirley Hansen

On April 4 at 11:25 pm, I answered a call to Stein's Bar on 7th Street. The bartender reported that a young man was drunk and **verbally assaulting** the other customers. The bartender said he refused to serve the man any more alcohol. The man then **loitered** outside and caused a further **public** disturbance. When I arrived, he was yelling and throwing bottles at the bar. I tried to interview him, but he **threatened** to fight with me. He was stumbling and appeared generally **intoxicated**. When he produced an **open container** of beer, I took the bottle away and **forced** him to sit down. I **warned** him that I was ready **to charge** him with **disorderly conduct** and a **noise violation**. He threatened me again and started to get up. I **handcuffed** the man and put him in the back seat of my police car.

Task 5. Read the portion of a police report. Read the summary. Then, fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Word bank: calm, handcuffs, customers, bottles, drunk.

A man was 1 _____ in a bar when the bartender refused to give him any more to drink. The man became upset and started to disturb 2_____. A police officer arrived and found the man throwing 3_____. The officer tried to get the man to 4_____ down. When the man was uncooperative, the officer placed him in 5_____.



Task 6. Listen and read the summary again. What charges is the suspect likely to face?



Listening

Task 7. Listen to a conversation between a bartender and a police officer. Mark the statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ The bartender denied the tourist a drink.
- 2 ___ The tourist struck the bartender.
- 3 ___ The tourist will be charged with disturbing the peace.

Task 8. Listen again and complete the conversation.

Bartender: 1 _____ you're here officer
That kid ruined most of my
business for the night.
Officer: What exactly happened here tonight,
Mr. Stein?
Bartender: Well, officer, that tourist was in
here all evening. 2 _____
_____ becoming very drunk.



Officer: What 3 _____ ?

Bartender: I refused to give him 4 _____. That's when he got
really angry.

Officer: What happened then?

Bartender: He yelled insults at my customers and knocked over a table full of
glasses. Then he went outside and started throwing things 5 _____
_____. He kept yelling the whole time.

Officer: Well, I think we've got him 6 _____ now.

Bartender: Are you going to arrest him?

Officer: We'll definitely charge him with disturbing the peace. With all that yelling,
we can probably get him for a noise violation and disorderly conduct, too.
Thank you for your time, Mr. Stein.



Speaking

Task 9. With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 8. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

*What did you do
I refused . . .
And then . . .*

Student A: You are a bartender. Talk to *Student B* about:
a drunk tourist in your bar
how customers were affected
items possibly damaged

Student B: You are a police officer. Talk to *Student A* about an incident in the bar.
Make up a name for the bartender.



Task 10. Use the report and the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the arrest report. Make up a name for the suspect and officer.

ARREST REPORT



Officer: _____

Suspect's name: _____

Reason for arrest: _____

Possible charges: _____

Was alcohol involved? Y / N