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VOCABULARY PRACTICE
UPPER-INTERMEDIATE | B2

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each precise term with its definition.

1 due process ____	**a** the legal requirement that authorities follow fair procedures before depriving someone of rights
2 probable cause ____	**b** sufficient reason to believe a crime has been or will be committed
3 jurisdiction ____	**c** the official authority of a body to make legal decisions within a defined area
4 apprehend ____	**d** to catch or arrest someone, especially a suspect
5 surveillance ____	**e** the close monitoring of a person or place, often covertly
6 extradition ____	**f** the formal process of sending a suspect to another country to face trial
7 racial profiling ____	**g** the discriminatory practice of targeting individuals based on ethnicity rather than behaviour
8 de-escalation ____	**h** actions taken to reduce the intensity of a tense or dangerous situation
9 custodial ____	**i** relating to being held in official detention
10 reasonable force ____	**j** force that is proportionate and necessary in the circumstances

2 Choose the word with the most suitable connotation.

1 For fair legal procedure before deprivation of rights: due process / arbitrary punishment.

2 For sufficient reason to suspect a crime: probable cause / a mere hunch.

3 For the authority to make legal decisions in an area: jurisdiction / personal opinion.

4 For discriminatory targeting based on ethnicity: racial profiling / behaviour-based suspicion.

5 For reducing the intensity of a tense situation: de-escalation / provocation.

6 For force that is proportionate and necessary: reasonable force / excessive force.

7 For close, often covert monitoring: surveillance / casual observation.

8 For sending a suspect abroad to face trial: extradition / permanent asylum.

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3 **Complete the law-enforcement collocations with one word.**

1 _____ process (= fair legal procedure)
2 _____ cause (= sufficient reason for suspicion)
3 _____ force (= proportionate, lawful force)
4 an _____ request (= a formal request to send a suspect abroad)
5 _____ profiling (= discriminatory targeting based on ethnicity)
6 a _____ tactic (= reducing tension in a situation)
7 under _____ (= being monitored closely)
8 _____ custody (= official detention)

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4 Complete the case notes with words and phrases from the box.

apprehend | custodial | de-escalation | due process | extradition | jurisdiction | probable cause | racial profiling | reasonable force | surveillance

Case A: Officers required 1 _____ before conducting the search, in accordance with standard 2 _____ requirements.
Case B: The suspect fled across a state line, complicating which agency held 3 _____ over the case.
Case C: Investigators used covert 4 _____ for several weeks before moving to 5 _____ the suspect.
Case D: The department introduced mandatory 6 _____ training, aiming to reduce reliance on 7 _____ during confrontations.
Case E: Civil rights groups criticised the department for alleged 8 _____ in traffic stops.
Case F: The suspect faced a lengthy 9 _____ process before being returned to face trial, and was held in 10 _____ detention throughout.

5 Read the text and answer the questions briefly.

Reforming policing practice

Police reform advocates increasingly emphasise de-escalation training as a means of reducing the use of reasonable force during confrontations, arguing that many violent outcomes stem from poorly managed initial interactions rather than genuine necessity. Critics of current practice also highlight racial profiling as a persistent problem, noting that targeting individuals based on appearance rather than specific, articulable probable cause undermines both fairness and public trust. Proponents of reform argue that robust due process protections and transparent accountability mechanisms, rather than reduced enforcement capacity, offer the most promising path towards policing that is both effective and perceived as legitimate by the communities it serves.

1 What do police reform advocates increasingly emphasise? _____
2 What do many violent outcomes stem from, according to advocates? _____
3 What persistent problem do critics of current practice highlight? _____
4 What does targeting individuals based on appearance undermine? _____
5 What do proponents of reform argue offers the most promising path? _____
6 What should this path be, according to the text? _____

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6 **Rewrite each sentence using the word in capitals. Do not change the meaning.**

1 Officers had sufficient reason to suspect a crime. PROBABLE CAUSE _____

2 The suspect was sent to another country to face trial. EXTRADITION _____

3 The officers used training to calm the tense situation. DE-ESCALATION _____

4 The department was accused of targeting people based on ethnicity. RACIAL PROFILING _____

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Write a 120-150 word account analysing how policing practice could balance effective enforcement with fairness and public trust, distinguishing observation from recommendation.

[ ] Use at least twelve target expressions. [ ] Control connotation carefully. [ ] Avoid unsupported assumptions.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Precise terms

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h 9 i 10 j

2 Connotation

1 due process 2 probable cause 3 jurisdiction 4 racial profiling 5 de-escalation 6 reasonable force 7 surveillance 8 extradition

3 Collocations

1 due 2 probable 3 reasonable 4 extradition 5 racial 6 de-escalation 7 surveillance 8 custodial

4 Case notes

1 probable cause 2 due process 3 jurisdiction 4 surveillance 5 apprehend 6 de-escalation
7 reasonable force 8 racial profiling 9 extradition 10 custodial

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 De-escalation training as a means of reducing the use of reasonable force.
2 Poorly managed initial interactions rather than genuine necessity.
3 Racial profiling.
4 Fairness and public trust.
5 Robust due process protections and transparent accountability mechanisms.
6 Both effective and perceived as legitimate by the communities it serves.

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 Officers had probable cause. 2 The suspect faced extradition.
3 The officers used de-escalation. 4 The department was accused of racial profiling.

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check lexical precision, appropriate connotation and separation of fact from inference.