**UNIT 3 : On… duty**

**Vocabulary**

* **Siege noun [ C or U ] UK /siːdʒ/ US /siːdʒ/**

**the surrounding of a place by an armed force in order to defeat those defending it:**

*The siege of Mafeking lasted for eight months.*

* **Gendarme noun [ C ] UK /ˈʒɑ̃ːn.dɑːm/ US /ˈʒɑːn.dɑːrm/**

**a police officer who is a member of a gendarmerie (= a police force that is part of the armed forces in France and some other countries where French is spoken):**

*French gendarmes recovered the painting three years later.*

* **Hostage noun [ C ] UK /ˈhɒs.tɪdʒ/ US /ˈhɑː.stɪdʒ/**

**someone who is taken as a prisoner by an enemy in order to force the other people involved to do what the enemy wants:**

*She was taken/held hostage by the gunmen.*

* **Culminate verb UK /ˈkʌl.mɪ.neɪt/ US /ˈkʌl.mə.neɪt/ culminate in/with sth**

**If an event or series of events culminates in something, it ends with it, having developed until it reaches this point:**

*My arguments with the boss got worse and worse, and finally culminated in my resignation.*

* **petty crime noun [ C or U ] UK /ˌpet.i ˈkraɪm/ US /ˌpet̬.i ˈkraɪm/**

**a type of crime that is not considered serious when compared with some other crimes:**

*petty crime such as shoplifting*

* **public prosecutor noun [ C ] LAW specialized UK /ˌpʌb.lɪk ˈprɒs.ɪ.kjuː.tər/ US /ˌpʌb.lɪk ˈprɑː.sɪ.kjuː.t̬ɚ/**

*a lawyer who acts for the government against someone accused of a crime in court*

* **surveillance noun [ U ] UK /səˈveɪ.ləns/ US /sɚˈveɪ.ləns/**

**the careful watching of a person or place, especially by the police or army, because of a crime that has happened or is expected:***The police have kept the nightclub under surveillance because of suspected illegal drug activity.*

* **Radicalism noun [ U ] UK /ˈræd.ɪ.kəl.ɪ.zəm/ US /ˈræd.ɪ.kəl.ɪ.zəm/**

**the belief that there should be great or extreme social or political change:**

*Evidence of his youthful radicalism remained buried in his poems of the period.*

* **Proximity** noun [ U ] formal UK /prɒkˈsɪm.ə.ti/ US /prɑːkˈsɪm.ə.t̬i/

**the state of being near in space or time:**

*The best thing about the location of the house is its proximity to the town centre.*

* **drive off — phrasal verb with drive verb UK /draɪv/ US /draɪv/drove | driven**

**to leave in a car:**

*I got in the car and drove off.*

* **Barracks noun [ C, + sing/pl verb ] UK /ˈbær.əks/ US /ˈber.əks/plural barracks**

**a building or group of buildings where soldiers live:**

*The barracks was/were surrounded by a high wall.*

* **Squad noun [ C, + sing/pl verb ] UK /skwɒd/ US /skwɑːd/**

**a small group of people trained to work together as a unit:**

*An army bomb squad arrived and defused the bomb.*

* **Puncture noun [ C ] UK /ˈpʌŋk.tʃər/ US /ˈpʌŋk.tʃɚ/**

**a small hole made by a sharp object, especially in a tyre:**

*I (= my car tyre) had a puncture when I was driving back from work.*

*She had a puncture wound in her arm, from a wasp sting.*

* **Assault noun UK /əˈsɒlt/ US /əˈsɑːlt/**

**a violent attack:**

*He was charged with sexual assault.*

*an assault on a police officer*

* **Confinement noun UK /kənˈfaɪn.mənt/ US /kənˈfaɪn.mənt/**

**the situation in which a person or animal is kept somewhere, usually by force:***She spent most of those years under house arrest or close confinement.*

* **Solitary adjective UK /ˈsɒl.ɪ.tər.i/ US /ˈsɑː.lə.ter.i/**

**A solitary person or thing is the only person or thing in a place:**

*On the hill, a solitary figure was busy chopping down trees.*

* **intelligence noun (SECRET INFORMATION)**

**secret information about the governments of other countries, especially enemy governments, or a group of people who collect and deal with this information:**

*the Central Intelligence Agency*

*military intelligence*