

B Crime stories in the news

Police **press charges against** MP

Duke vows to **clear his name**

GOVERNMENT TO TIGHTEN UP GAMBLING LAWS

Police go on the offensive

**YOUNGSTERS
BEING LED ASTRAY**

Reporter **goes under cover**

Plan to **phase out**
complicated police forms

**POLICE TIPPED OFF
BY GANG MEMBER**

Knife crime **on the up**

Accused athlete
in the clear

**POLITICIANS MUST CLEAN UP
THEIR ACT SAY PUBLIC**

Glossary

press charges (against sb)	officially accuse sb of committing a crime.
clear sb's name	prove that sb did not do sth that they were accused of.
tighten sth up	make a law, rule, or system more strict.
go on the offensive	begin to take action against sb who is attacking or criticizing you, or sth you think is undesirable.
lead sb astray	be a bad influence on sb and make them do sth silly or criminal.
go/be under cover	pretend to be sb else in order to find out secret information.
phase sth out	gradually stop using sth over time. OPP phase sth in.
tip sb off	give sb a warning or secret information. tip-off N.
on the up	increasing (as above), or improving, e.g. <i>Business is on the up.</i>
in the clear	no longer believed to be guilty of sth bad or illegal.
clean up your act	INF start behaving in a more moral and responsible way.

4 Match 1–6 with a–f.

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| 1 tip | a your name |
| 2 lead | b on the offensive |
| 3 press | c up your act |
| 4 clear | d somebody off |
| 5 go | e charges |
| 6 clean | f somebody astray |

5 Circle the correct answer.

- If you **phase something in**, you introduce something *immediately* / *gradually*.
- If somebody is **in the clear**, they *are found innocent* / *have escaped*.
- If crime is **on the up**, it is *increasing* / *at its highest point*.
- If you **tighten up** a law, you *change it* / *make it stricter*.
- If you **tip somebody off**, you give them *money* / *a warning*.
- If you **clean up your act**, you behave *more responsibly* / *in a more organized way*.

6 Rewrite the sentences using the word in capitals. Keep the meaning the same.

- They're going to gradually discontinue the scheme. PHASE
- The policeman pretended to be a criminal. COVER
- He was a bad influence on the boy. ASTRAY
- She wants to prove that she's innocent. CLEAR
- The police have accused him of committing the crime. PRESS
- They are beginning to take action against him. OFFENSIVE