

Listening comprehension **key**: “Violence, shootings, and the police in the US” on [BBC 4: More or Less: Behind the Stats](#) , July 15, 2016, ~10 min.

| I. True or false? (1 credit each) | true | false |
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| 1. Data on victims of fatal police shootings are easily available and reliable. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The FBI have collected the data, so there can be an informed discussion. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. There is uneven reporting on victims shot by the police because collecting data is voluntary. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

II. Complete this sentence. (2 credits)

Investigative journalist *Kimberly Kindy*, counted **1000 deaths by the end of last year. Three people a day were fatally shot by the police.**

III. Tick the one correct answer. (1 credit)

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| <i>Kindy</i> found out that | a | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | half of the victims were black, half from other minorities. |
| | b | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | overall, African-Americans are more often involved in crime. |
| | c | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | the numbers are evidence of racism. |

IV. True or false? (1 credit each)

| | true | false |
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| 1. According to an economist, <i>Roland Fryer</i> , people of color experience more police violence. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <i>Fryer</i> also argues that they are more likely to be fatally shot by the police. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Homicides in general have been decreasing in the last two decades. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

V. Complete the sentence. (3 credits)

Especially after a gunman shot five police officers in Dallas on July 7, 2016, there is a widespread perception in the public and within law-enforcement that **police officers are more often killed in the line of duty. But, according to Seth Stoughton, this is inaccurate.**

Proper names:

1. *Kimberly Kindy*, investigative journalist at “The Washington Post”
2. *Roland G. Fryer Jr.*, African-American economist at Harvard University
3. *Seth W. Stoughton*, law professor at the University of Southern Carol