

Girls and Crime

Sociology skills

- Analysis of a picture
- Evaluation of theory

Key skills

- Communication

Stimulus materials

Source: Stephen Moore (1987:210) *Sociology Alive*



Understanding the stimulus

1. Do girls or boys commit more crime?
2. What, according to the cartoon are the reasons for boys to commit crime?
3. Suggest another reason from the cartoon to suggest why more boys are convicted of crime.
4. What gender stereotype can you see in the cartoon?

Development and Revision

1. What are the main sociological reasons offered to explain crime in our society?
2. How might labelling affect the way in which girls and boys are treated by the criminal justice system and the police?
3. What evidence is there to suggest that male violence is more acceptable than female violence?
4. How are male and female norms and values different? How might this affect their likelihood to commit crimes?
5. Frances Heidensohn suggested that females have less opportunity to commit crime because they have more family and social responsibilities. Suggest two reasons why you agree and two reasons why you disagree with this idea.