

# Who is criminal?

## Sociology skills

- Analysing a visual image for information
- Evaluating a theory

## Key skills

- Communication

## Stimulus materials



## Understanding the stimulus

1. What features in the picture show you that the character is a criminal?
2. This picture is a stereotype. What is a stereotype?
3. Are there any features of the stereotype picture which is true of people who are convicted of crime?
4. Are there any features of the stereotype which are untrue of people who commit crime?
5. Suggest four crimes which break the norms of society.

## Development and Revision

1. What is the difference between deviant and non-deviant crime?
2. Who tends to be convicted of crime in our society?
3. List the three sociological theories of crime and explain what is good and bad about each theory.
4. Why do criminologists reject biological and psychological theories of crime?
5. How do the police contribute to social control?
6. What five reasons do we have for punishing criminals?