

Unit 4.3: Politics

Worksheet

Metaphors We Think With: Activities 3.1–3.4

After reading Text 4.23a and b, on crime in the city of Addison, consider the issues below (a–d). In your two groups, decide which one of the four issues you have decided to discuss. Explain briefly why you have selected this issue.

Issues:

- a** the education system and availability of youth programmes
- b** the economic system including the poverty level and employment rate
- c** the size and charge of the police force
- d** the correctional facilities; including the methods by which convicted criminals are punished.

Make notes to answer the following questions.

Explain briefly why you have selected this issue. Prepare to present your explanation to the whole class.

In selecting one of the issues to discuss, you rejected the other three. What are the possible implications of rejecting these issues for discussion?

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Reflect: In the space below, make notes on the role of metaphor in thinking and human behaviour.

- How significant is metaphor for thinking and acting?
- We are often unaware that our thinking and action is influenced by metaphors. Why do you think this is?