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Gun Control

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

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| Shouldn't the laws be updated? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shouldn't the laws be revised?- Shouldn't the laws be changed?- Shouldn't the laws be modernized? |  |
| I'm skeptical. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- I doubt it.- I don't think it will happen.- That's questionable.- I don't have much hope. | |

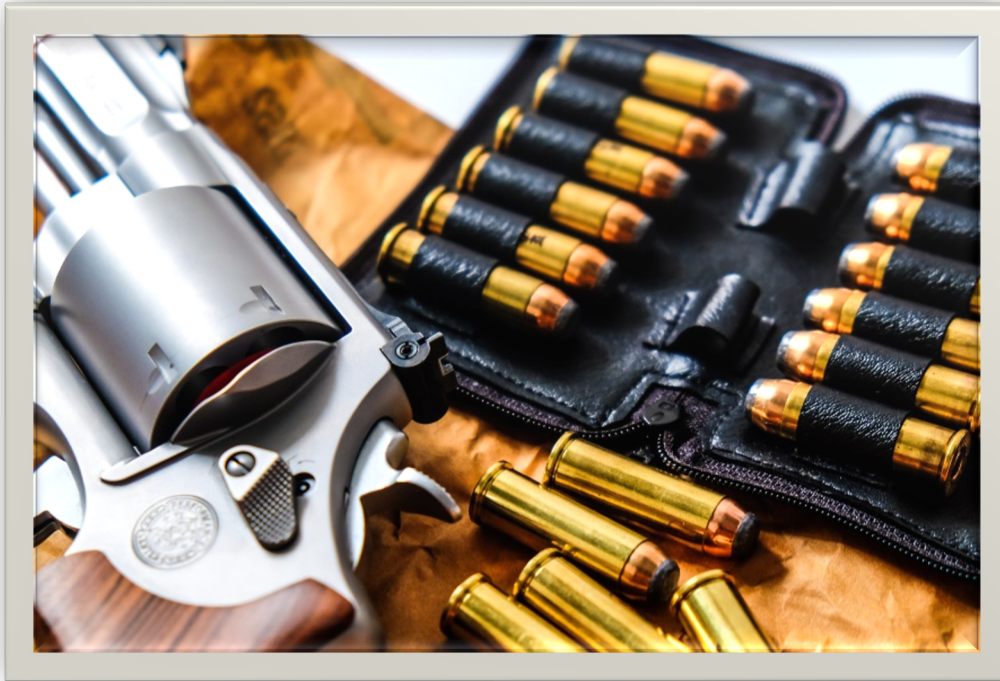
Key vocabulary

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| encounter | sensationalize | constitution | bear arms |
| lobby against | back then | skeptical | concern |

Part 1

I. INTRODUCTION

In many instances, crimes are committed using guns. Therefore, **gun control** has been adopted as a **legal measure** to restrict and/or reduce the possession or use of guns or any firearms.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

| | Questions: |
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| Shouldn't the laws be updated? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Is it easy to acquire a gun in your country? |
| I'm skeptical. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Do you think Japan's gun control laws will stay the same in the future? |

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

Masashi: I'm a bit nervous about my trip to the U.S. next month. I keep reading about all these shootings. It seems like there are guns everywhere.

Katie: I understand your concern. Guns are a major problem across the country but it's unlikely you'll see one or encounter a problem. The newspapers sensationalize it quite a bit.

Masashi: Why are guns so easy to obtain? In most countries it's rather difficult to own one.

Katie: It was written in the Constitution that people have the right to keep and bear arms. This is very important for some people, especially hunters.

Masashi: Yes, but back then there were no automatic weapons or assault weapons. It's different now so shouldn't the laws be updated?

Kate: I think many people would agree with you, including myself, but the NRA and the gun manufacturers spend a huge amount of money lobbying against stricter gun-control laws. I hope it changes soon but I'm skeptical.

Q & A:



- Do you think people need guns?
- Guns don't kill people but people do. What do you think of this idea?
- Japan has very strict laws around the possession of guns. Should other countries follow Japan's lead?

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. Guess the Word

Directions: Name the pictures to find the compound word.



B. Let's Talk!

Directions: Say whether you agree or disagree with the statements below. Explain why.

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Violent video games can cause people to commit crimes using guns.

Do you agree or disagree?



Gun control would definitely lessen crime rates.

Do you agree or disagree?



Owning a gun for self-defense is a citizen's right.

Do you agree or disagree?

C. Role-Play

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Talk with your teacher about gun-related issues in your country.
Discuss how gun control laws restrict people
from owning or using firearms illegally.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.