

## English 2A Reaction Report

### Unit 1, The Power of Image

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Surveillance cameras are everywhere these day. What do you think about that reality? Some people agree with it because our security is guaranteed. Others disagree with it because our privacy is violated. I agree with it because surveillance cameras cause the number of crimes to decrease.

I would like to give an example of Kariya City, Aichi Prefecture. The number of criminal offense reached 4,500 in 2003. They had to improve this situation. Thus, surveillance cameras were positively installed in intersections, parks, stations, underground road, and parking lots in 2011. Then, they were installed that over nine hundred. It was nine times as many as that in 2012. Look at Figure 1 below. This figure shows the cumulative number of surveillance cameras installed and the number of recognized criminal offense trends. This graph revealed, the more surveillance cameras lead the effect that the number of criminal offense is decreased. It halved in five years from 2012 to 2017. It is a great effect, isn't it? People who live there felt relieved to hear that.

I would like to give another example of Shibuya Ward of Tokyo City. Four men were arrested for overturning and destroying a truck on Halloween of 2018. Surveillance cameras contributed greatly to the arrest. First, polices checked about 250 surveillance cameras in Shibuya Ward. Second, and they got information from people who had shot videos of Shibuya on the day and posted them to the internet. Finally, thanks to the IC card boarding history of trains and survey, they tracked down to the home of the criminal, which was over eighty kilometers away from the crime scene. There were few people who had the courage to report in during a fun event like Halloween. If this situation continues, the situation will get worse. Therefore, this arrest is a deterrent in similar cases.

People who disagree with the installation of surveillance cameras would think that our privacy would be violated. There is a law to protect our privacy called the Personal Information Protection Law. This law requires that people be informed of the purpose when surveillance camera are set. If you break this law, the penalties can be imprisonment of up to six months or a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand yen. Because of it, surveillance camera installers seldom violate your privacy.

From these reasons, I agree with the installation of surveillance cameras.



Figure 1.  
Cumulative number of surveillance cameras installed and the number of recognized criminal offense trends

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