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**Activity: Research**

**Miscarriages of justice**

**Learning objective**

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- analyse a range of miscarriage of justice cases.

Using the link, complete questions 1 to 3 below.

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2009/may/05/miscarriage-justice-innocent-people-jailed>

1. For each of the cases in the article, complete the following:
  - a. the length of time in prison served by those convicted
  - b. the reason for the sentence being overturned.
2. How many of the eighteen cases were due to:
  - a. tampering with evidence
  - b. fabricated evidence
  - c. lack of information about the suspect
  - d. lack of availability of appropriate intelligence e.g. DNA test
  - e. inaccurate or inappropriate evidence
  - f. withheld evidence?
3. Do you think improvements in policing and forensic techniques would mean fewer miscarriages of justice? Give reasons for your answer.