



At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:

*discuss the appropriate punishment for certain crimes and share something about the highest form of punishment in their country.



Read the Passage:

Capital punishment, also referred to as the death penalty, is the **execution** of a person by the state as punishment for a crime. Crimes that can result in a death penalty are known as capital crimes or heinous crimes. In most places they practice capital punishment today, the death penalty is reserved as punishment for **premeditated** murder, **espionage**, **treason**, or as part of military justice. In some countries, sexual crimes such as sexual assault and **extramarital relationship** carry the death penalty, as do religious crimes such as **apostasy**.



Let's Talk:

1. Define capital punishment?
2. Enumerate crimes which are punishable by capital punishment. Is capital punishment legal in your country?
3. Do you think that death penalty is an appropriate punishment for terrorism and murder?
4. Despite the existence of death penalty, heinous crimes are still widespread. What do you think is lacking? Is the lenient implementation of government be a reason?
5. Do you think there should be a demarcation line as to what form of punishment be given to juvenile crimes?
6. If apostasy is punishable by death penalty, does the act coincide with exercising religious freedom? Is it justifiable?
7. How does the law shape the society? Explain.