

ANSWER KEY

It may be one of the most remote spots in Britain yet it's almost impossible to **1) set** foot in Lerwick, the capital of the Shetland Islands, **2) without** having your every step recorded on CCTV. From the harbour stretching all the way to the town centre, a £240,000 **3) network** of 14 CCTV cameras record locals movements from almost the very moment that they leave their homes.

With more than 100 **4) such** devices Shetland (population 23,000) has more surveillance cameras than the entire San Francisco police department, which has just 71 CCTVs to **5) cater** for a population of 809,000.

So is Shetland an extreme one-off example? Hardly. the UK not only has more CCTV cameras than the world's biggest dictatorship, China, we also have more cameras per person than anywhere else on the planet.

The arguments for the use of CCTV in this country are well known: cameras provide a deterrent to **6) would-be** criminals and make us feel safer. But is it true, and does that **7) justify** the enormous surveillance society we have become, the incarnation of the nightmare vision George Orwell had when he wrote 1984?

Civil liberty groups argue that **8) while** our every move now seems to be monitored **9) thanks** to the state's huge spending on cameras there has been no huge drop in the crime **10) figures**.