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The Norwegian Prison where Inmates are Treated like People

Vocabulary

*Siege (p.3): the act of enemy forces surrounding an area, and cutting off supplies, with the hope of the insiders to surrender, generally a military operation.*

The act of a siege in a prison can connect with a riot, which depending on the facility, could happen regularly. Understanding this word can help the reader further understand the violence that could appear in prisons.

*Deprivation (p.3): the lack of materials that are basic needs in a society*

Typically in prison, a convicted criminal is starved of some of the basic needs, depending on the type of prison the offender is sent to. This can include; proper food, sleep schedules, bathroom facilities etc. Understanding this term can help the reader know the struggles of being in prison or jail.

*Penance (p.3): the voluntary self-punishment inflicted as an expression for a bad action*

In prisons, criminals can go through with the act of penance, and knowing this word can help the reader connect and understand the actions of a person or facility.

*Conjugal (p.3): the relationship of a married couple*

Understanding this word can help the reader connect with a criminal or realize an offender can have a family or relations outside of prison. It can make the offender more human with more depth in their character, and perhaps even sympathise with the offender.

*Robust Filtering Procedure (p.6): prisoners are evaluated and sent to different activities or programs based on specific criteria to ensure the offenders do not attend a program that will cause damage.*

Knowing this phrase can ensure the readers further knowledge of the technicalities of prison or jail. It can help the reader understand the depth of a prison and jail in larger detail because of the different programs and activities set for the convicted criminals.

*Penal (p.6): the punishment of offenders*

Knowing this term can help make the reader understand how an offender is treated and the different senses of the word, such as a penal colony, penal code or penal offence.