

B2.4 Crime and Punishment

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Listen to the conversations again and complete the script 😊



1 J = Jim Z = Zarah

J: Hey, Zarah, good to see you. How are you?

Z: Hi, Jim. Listen, I was in Mason's department store just now and, as I was leaving, I saw this girl take a pair of sunglasses and put them in her bag when she thought no one was looking!

J: Really? Did you report it, Zarah?

Z: Well, no. I didn't want to, you know, make a fuss.

J: But it's _____. It's like taking stuff from the supermarket.

Z: I know, but it's not like _____ someone, is it? She wasn't _____ anyone.

J: Well, it may not be as serious, but it's still wrong. There are professional criminals who shoplift expensive stuff like jewellery and clothes, which they can _____.

Z: I know. But I feel sorry for kids who do it to be cool and _____. Some girls at my son's school had to do community service, and another boy actually ended up with a criminal _____.

J: Well, they must have done it more than once. Schoolkids usually just get a _____. I think there should be much tougher penalties, though.

Z: I don't agree – they're just kids, they don't know what they're doing. They feel pressure to have the latest fashions and gadgets and things. Or they're bored and they do it for a laugh or, you know, to show off.

J: Well, I think they need to learn that there are serious consequences for their actions, otherwise they'll just keep on doing it.

2 C = Carla A = Alex

C: Hey, Alex. What're you doing?

A: Oh, just _____ a couple of singles I heard at the weekend.

C: Oh. Did you buy it from iTunes?

A: No, I got it from one of those, er, file-sharing sites.

C: Right. Well, you need to be careful – you know that's illegal.

A: But everyone does it, no one does anything about it.

C: Well, it's still stealing, Alex... You wouldn't steal a CD from a shop or anything, would you, so why do it online?

A: Well, I would buy more CDs if they weren't so expensive. I'm a student, I can't afford it. Anyway, I can't believe the music industry loses that much money because of _____ -- _____.

C: Well, the industry says sales have gone down a lot in recent years.

A: Yeah, but I often use the sites to decide whether I like a particular album, and if I do, I'll go out and buy it legally!

C: Well, whatever. You know you could get a _____ of up to five years, or a massive fine. I've heard of people being fined, like, €250,000 euros!

A: Yeah, well that's not very likely, is it – they're too busy trying to prevent _____.