An essay about crime

1 Read the essay quickly. What is it about?

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2 Read the essay again and label the headings below with the paragraphs A-E.

Argument for _____ The conclusion ____ The writer's opinion ____

Argument against ____ Introduction summarising the debate _____

3 Choose the phrase to complete the essay

POVERTY IS THE CAUSE OF CRIME

A) Crime is a serious problem in every country around the world. Some people think that the main cause of crime is poverty. Other people have argued that poverty does not have a direct link to crime.

B) _____, there are many reasons why people commit crimes, and poverty is one of them. For example, a teenager has no money but wants the same trainers as his or her classmate so goes out and shoplifts them.

C) _____, it's not just poor people who commit crimes. Wealthy people with good jobs and loving families also commit crimes. However, they probably commit their crimes for other reasons. _____they may be risk takers. _____, children from a poor family with a very loving mother and father will probably not commit a crime. They have love and security and they're happy.

D) _____, the main reason for teenagers and young people committing crimes is the lack of support from their family and people around them. They feel unloved and they have no good role models.

E) _____, poverty is a cause of crime, but it is not the only cause. Governments need to improve living standards for all their citizens, and we all need to try and help children and teenagers who have no support from others.

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