

2 Match the words to the definitions (1–7).

armed robbery heist burglary credit theft a mugger shoplifting a pickpocket

- 1 Someone who steals a purse or a wallet from you secretly.
- 2 Someone who threatens you on the street and makes you give them your money.
- 3 Stealing something from a supermarket, for example.
- 4 Entering someone's house and stealing possessions and money.
- 5 Entering a bank or a shop, for example, with a gun in order to steal.
- 6 Using someone's credit card details to get their money.
- 7 A slang word for a robbery, often armed.

Language focus

1 ▶ 61.2 Listen to these extracts from the account and complete the gaps.

1 Well, the whole thing had something farcical about it really, or at least the outcome, but¹,²,
in terms of value, as the biggest robbery in the world. And I have no doubt
.....³ the robbery of the Millennium.

2 So, this operation⁴ over many, many months,
professionally, carefully and down to the last detail.

3 Apparently,⁵ a digger because there was always
construction work going on and⁶ fake roadwork
signs the night before so as not to arouse suspicion.

4 What⁷ of course was that the police
.....⁸ for at least fifteen months, thanks to a tip-
off from an informer.⁹ was what exactly
.....¹⁰.

5 That was when we realised what¹¹. At one of our
meetings a detective inspector¹² the Dome almost
jokingly said 'Maybe they're after the Millennium jewels.'

And that was the moment¹³.

6 But what none of us knew – and¹⁴ – was
.....¹⁵. But when it happened, it was over so fast.

7 '.....¹⁶ but for the fact there were 140 police waiting
for us.'

2 Complete the sentences with the words.

getaway accomplice eye witnesses informer insider loot hideout disguised

- 1 The police were as cleaners.
- 2 A friend lent them his remote farmhouse as a
- 3 They used an old London taxi as a car.
- 4 A pickpocket usually has an who distracts the victim.
- 5 The street was busy and there were several
- 6 The police have an inside the gang who gives them information.
- 7 The gang must have had a/an to open the security door for them.
- 8 They packed the into sacks and carried it out to the car.