

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

SHOPLIFTING



Last year, losses from shops through shoplifting and theft by staff amounted to over £1 billion. There are many (1) _____ for shopkeepers themselves to reduce shoplifting. As with all types of crime, prevention is better than (2) _____. The best deterrent is the (3) _____ of staff properly trained in how to identify potential shoplifters. There are also many security (4) _____ now available. Video camera surveillance is a popular system, even with quite small retailers. In clothes shops, magnetic tag marking systems that set off an alarm have proved their (5) _____. However, there are many (6) _____ measures that retailers should consider. Better lighting and ceiling-hung mirrors can help staff to (7) _____ all parts of the display area. Similarly, simply arranging shelves and display units to allow clear (8) _____ of vision is a good deterrent.

Another problem for retailers is the (9) _____ of stolen credit cards to buy goods and services. Many retailers avoid this by always checking the (10) _____ of a card used for purchase. Electronic systems are now available to (11) _____ up the procedure.

Most companies keep a petty (12) _____ box for small expenses- They are a popular (13) _____ for thieves. It is not enough to have a box that locks. A thief can steal it and then open it at leisure. Lock it in a drawer as well. Telephones, typewriters, word processors and computers are also vulnerable because they are (14) _____. Property marking is a good deterrent and helps the police return stolen goods if they are (15) _____. And remember that in many businesses information is valuable to competitors and should be protected.

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| 1. A) opportunities | B) schemes | C) ideas | D) occasions |
| 2. A) remedy | B) loss | C) cure | D) conviction |
| 3. A) knowledge | B) presence | C) number | D) importance |
| 4. A) devices | B) methods | C) tricks | D) machines |
| 5. A) reliability | B) worth | C) valuation | D) identity |
| 6. A) better | B) easier | C) simpler | D) bigger |
| 7. A) notice | B) watch | C) control | D) regard |
| 8. A) fields | B) areas | C) systems | D) angles |
| 9. A) employment | B) application | C) technique | D) use |
| 10. A) honesty | B) forgery | C) validity | D) value |
| 11. A) speed | B) check | C) take | D) key |
| 12. A) money | B) bank | C) saving | D) cash |
| 13. A) robbery | B) target | C) aim | D) object |
| 14. A) portable | B) expensive | C) stolen | D) attractive |
| 15. A) reported | B) known | C) revealed | D) traced |

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