

Crime, Law and Justice



• Vocabulary

Choose the correct verbs from A to fill the gaps. Put the verb in the correct form.

- 1 The governor on the province was for wrongful use of state money.
- 2 The prisoner decided to an appeal against the court's decision.
- 3 The appeal court the verdict of the lower court and the prisoner was released.
- 4 In English law, a previous legal decision usually a precedent for future decisions.
- 5 Judges often custody to the mother rather than the father.
- 6 I'm not asking you to break the rules, just to them a little.
- 7 You my legal rights by not allowing me to vote.
- 8 Witnesses charged with perjury are accused of the course of justice.
- 9 The marriage was because the man had never properly divorced his first wife.
- 10 The Supreme Court the murder conviction and the man was freed.

A

Lodge
Set
Pervert
Annul
Impeach
Bend
Award
Infringe
Quash
Overturn

Which of the crimes in B might each of these people be charged with?

- 1 A camper who spent a night on a farmer's land without asking permission.
- 2 A businessman who diverted funds from the account of the company he worked for into his own personal account.
- 3 An employer who gave a job to a man although he was less suitable for the post than a woman applicant.
- 4 A witness who gave false evidence in court.
- 5 A person who kept making inappropriate comments about a colleague's personal appearance.
- 6 A board member who took advantage of what they knew about the business's plans to make a profit on the stock market.
- 7 A person who follows someone or calls them every day and buys them gifts even though they are not in a relationship.

B

Harassment
Insider dealing
Discrimination
Embezzlement
Perjury
Stalking
Trespassing

Choose a noun from each of these verbs to complete each sentence.

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| impeach | allege | contravene | annul | harass | infringe | pervert | amend |
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- 1 Parliament is currently discussing a number of to the current laws on citizenship.
- 2 Amy took her employer to court for in the workplace.
- 3 Some people consider of others' rights as being as serious a crime as theft.
- 4 By taking on work for a competitor Nathan was in of the terms of his contract.
- 5 The trial was criticised by many as a of justice.
- 6 To suggest that Leah took the money is a very serious
- 7 The circumstances are such that I think the judge may agree to a(n) of their marriage.
- 8 The of a president has only taken place a couple of times in US history.

Choose an expression from C to complete each sentence.

- 1 You should let the police deal with the situation – it's far too risky to
- 2 Sam started getting into trouble when he got in with a gang of habitual
- 3 You shouldn't start on your first day in a new job.
- 4 Masha will never be able to get Vadim to conform – he's
- 5 Isabelle is far too to agree to bring extra cigarettes into the country.

C

- laying down the law
- law-abiding
- law-breakers
- a law unto himself
- take the law into your own hands

• Collocations

Choose the correct collocation.

- 1 Someone might get out of prison early for *soaring* / *extenuating* / *good* behaviour.
- 2 If you get a custodial sentence, you *go to prison* / *only serve the sentence if you commit another crime* / *have to do some community service*.
- 3 If you are remanded in custody, you are *allowed to go home* / *obliged to pay some money* / *kept in prison*.
- 4 If you serve out a sentence, you are *released from prison early* / *kept in prison for the full amount of time* / *kept in prison for life*.
- 5 If charges are trumped-up, they are *accurate* / *invented* / *exaggerated*.

• Idioms

Circle the logical answer(s). Sometimes both answers may be logical.

- 1 The police were lying in wait for *the robbers* | *their colleagues*.
- 2 We want to nip *roller skating* | *under-age drinking* in the bud.
- 3 They made off with the *money* | *jewels*.
- 4 She was in possession of *her clothes* | *secret information*.
- 5 They're having a crackdown on *shopping* | *gambling*.

Write in the missing prepositions.

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| 1 | lie | wait | somebody | 5 | the wake | something |
| 2 | be | the lookout | somebody | 6 | make off | something |
| 3 | | broad daylight | | 7 | possession | something |
| 4 | | gunpoint | | 8 | nip something | the bud |

Match each statement (1–9) with a suitable response (a–i).

- 1 I think teenagers who commit a crime should be sent to prison for a week and given a really hard time.
 - 2 I see the police have been called in about the missing money at the tennis club.
 - 3 People who throw litter in the street ought to be prosecuted.
 - 4 Wow, the police charged Tony with every possible offence they could think of!
 - 5 It didn't take long for the police to arrive, did it?
 - 6 I heard that Donald was actually in prison years ago.
 - 7 Apparently, Angela Smith was in prison when she was younger.
 - 8 That famous computer hacker, Jin Soon, is apparently a reformed character.
 - 9 It's amazing how that former burglar is helping the police investigate crime in the neighbourhood.
- a Yes, they say she did time for attacking her husband's lover.
 - b Yes, it's a real case of poacher turned gamekeeper.
 - c Yes, I agree. They should be brought to book.
 - d Yes, someone told me he had done a stretch, but I don't know what for.
 - e Yes, the thieves won't be able to escape from the long arm of the law.
 - f Yes, a short sharp shock would do them good!
 - g No, the boys in blue were soon on the scene!
 - h Yes, they really threw the book at him, didn't they!
 - i Yes, he's back on the straight and narrow.