2 VOCABULARY Crime and justice

a Complete the text with the words in the box.

assault	community	controlled	convicted	life
~~possession~~	psychiatric	sentence	served	solitary

Our reactions to crime are very personal, depending on our social situation and our upbringing, according to a recent report from Swedish psychologists. Most people consider non-violent crimes, such as [1] *possession* of a [2]_____ substance, to be minor compared with crimes which involve injury to people, such as violent [3]_____. Views on punishment are also changing, with the majority now seeing [4]_____ service as the most beneficial punishment for both the offender and the victims. Increasingly, it is felt that punishments like being held in [5]_____ confinement or being sentenced to [6]_____ imprisonment are less appropriate, with [7]_____ help being seen as necessary to rehabilitate criminals. It was also felt that those [8]_____ of certain crimes should have it removed from their record when the [9]_____ has been [10]_____, or at least soon after.

b Underline the correct words to complete the conversation.

A People commit all types of crime today. How do you think we should deal with these offenders?

B Well, it depends on the crime and the person who has been found [1]*wrong* / *guilty* of the crime.

A What about someone who has been [2]*punished* / *sentenced* to life imprisonment? Should they [3]*deliver* / *serve* the full sentence?

B In my opinion, a [4]*cut* / *reduced* sentence for good behaviour should be a possibility. Such offenders need to receive one-to-one [5]*counselling* / *punishment*.

A Do you think offenders need to be brought face-to-face with their [6]*crimes* / *victims*?

B Yes, I'd agree that in certain situations a meeting could help both the victim and the offender.

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