

CRIMES

arson	using another person's credit card illegally
blackmail	burning a building on purpose
burglary	breaking into a house and stealing things
credit card fraud	getting money by threatening to reveal a secret about someone
drug-dealing	stealing another person's personal details
forgery	buying and selling drugs
identity theft	copying an official document, a painting, etc. illegally

kidnapping	stealing something from someone's bag or pocket in a public place
mugging	taking a person by force and demanding money to return them
pickpocketing	driving faster than the speed limit
shoplifting	attacking someone in the street in order to steal from them
smuggling	stealing something from a shop
speeding	causing damage to another person's property
vandalism	taking something into / out of a country illegally

★ Which crimes do the comments describe?

- That man has just set fire to a house.
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- My bedroom window is broken and my laptop has gone.
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- If you don't give me £10,000, I'll send this photo of you to a newspaper.
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- You're driving at 110 kph in a 90 kph zone.
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- Someone has broken the windows in the library for no reason.
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- I hid the bottle and the airport officials didn't stop me.
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... AND CRIMINALS

Listen and repeat. Match the criminals and crime fighters to the pictures.

					
					
private investigator	armed robber	lawyer	thief	burglar	detective
police officer	murderer	traffic warden	mugger	fraudster	judge

★ ★ Replace the underlined words with the correct people.

armed robber lawyer mugger murderer police officer thief

- Have you ever met a person who has killed someone illegally?
- The person carrying a gun entered the convenience store and demanded money from the shop owner.
- How long has your brother been a member of the police?
- I'd like to be a famous person who gives people legal advice when I'm older.
- There's a person who takes things from people / places in the school – some equipment disappeared from the science lab yesterday.
- The police are searching for a person who attacks people and steals from them in the street.

3 ★ ★ ★ Complete the text with the correct criminal or crime fighter.

Police in Grimley are warning local residents to be vigilant after a series of crimes in the area. 'We've seen a big increase in crime over the last few days,' said one young (1) from the local police station. A (2) broke into a house on Jackson Street on Friday morning and stole a laptop and some gold jewellery. That afternoon, an elderly lady received a phone call from a man who said he worked at her bank. The 80-year-old believed his story and gave the (3) her bank details. An hour later, £2000 disappeared from her bank account. The (4) in charge of investigating this crime has described it as particularly cruel to steal from vulnerable old people in this way. On Saturday night, a (5) attacked a woman as she was walking home from a night out and stole her handbag. Finally, a librarian at Grimley Library has noticed the disappearance of about 50 books. The police believe the (6) is a teenage girl with long red hair who loves reading.