

## 8.3 Listening Crimes

1. Read about English prisons and write down the words

### UK TODAY

- A 'young offender' can be anybody aged 10–17 (12–17 in Scotland) who commits a crime.
- Each year, over 3,000 young offenders are sent to young offenders' prisons.
- The most common crimes are theft, violence and criminal damage.
- The average sentence is three months.
- It costs over £100,000 a year to keep a young offender in prison.
- Fifty percent of young offenders are aged seventeen.
- Ninety-four percent of young offenders are boys.
- Eighty-eight percent of young offenders have been excluded from school.
- Nearly seventy-five percent of young offenders commit another crime within twelve months of leaving prison.

**Young offender** – малолетен пристъпник

**Commit a crime** – извършвам престъпление

**Theft** – кражба

**Violence** – насилие

**Sentence** – присъда

**To be excluded from school** – да ме изключат от училище

**Break the law** – нарушавам закона

**To be released from prison** – да ме освободят от затвора

Listen to an interview with a young offender and circle the right option

## 2 Guess the correct options.

- 1 The government want *more / less* education in young offender prisons.
- 2 Young offenders are locked up in their cells during the *day / night*
- 3 Young offenders are / aren't paid if they attend lessons in prison.
- 4 Not every / Every young offender wants to be released from prison.
- 5 Some people / The government think young offenders should be punished more.

## 3 Listen again and circle the correct answer

- 1 The government are planning to
  - A write a special report about prisons for young offenders.
  - B educate young offenders more effectively.
  - C make young offenders' prisons harder.
- 2 In prison, young offenders
  - A can watch tv in a room with others.
  - B are allowed a few luxuries.
  - C receive money for studying.
- 3 When they behave badly, young offenders
  - A are not allowed to watch television.
  - B are locked in their cells all evening.
  - C have to attend lessons.
- 4 One of Daniel's friends damaged a few cars
  - A because he wanted to steal them.
  - B in a supermarket car park.
  - C in order to go back to prison.
- 5 Daniel believes that the best way to make young offenders into better citizens is to
  - A lock them in cells and punish them.
  - B give them hope for the future.
  - C show them that life is simple.

4. Complete the sentences with the words

[ break commit locked released sentenced ]

Should young offenders:

- 1 be sentenced to a longer time in prison?
- 2 be \_\_\_\_\_ in their cell at night?
- 3 be returned to prison if they \_\_\_\_\_ another crime?
- 4 always go to prison if they \_\_\_\_\_ the law?
- 5 be \_\_\_\_\_ if they don't have a home or family to go back to?