

## 8.3 Listening

# Crimes

1. Read about English prisons and write down the words

<div><b>UK TODAY</b></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A 'young offender' can be anybody aged 10–17 (12–17 in Scotland) who commits a crime.</li><li>• Each year, over 3,000 young offenders are sent to young offenders' prisons.</li><li>• The most common crimes are theft, violence and criminal damage.</li><li>• The average sentence is three months.</li><li>• It costs over £100,000 a year to keep a young offender in prison.</li><li>• Fifty percent of young offenders are aged seventeen.</li><li>• Ninety-four percent of young offenders are boys.</li><li>• Eighty-eight percent of young offenders have been excluded from school.</li><li>• Nearly seventy-five percent of young offenders commit another crime within twelve months of leaving prison.</li></ul>	<p><b>Young offender</b> – малолетен пристъпник</p> <p><b>Commit a crime</b>- извършвам престъпление</p> <p><b>Theft</b>- кражба</p> <p><b>Violence</b>- насилие</p> <p><b>Sentence</b>- присъда</p> <p><b>To be excluded from school</b>- да ме изключат от училище</p> <p><b>Break the law</b>- нарушавам закона</p> <p><b>To be released from prison</b>- да ме освободят от затвора</p>
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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.
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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?