

A What is crime?



A crime is an activity which is **against the law**. For example, if you **steal** someone's **property**, you are **committing a crime** and **breaking the law**. Some **criminal acts** are **minor**, e.g. you get a **fine** for **illegal** parking. For **serious** crimes, especially violent crimes, e.g. the act of **killing** someone, a person can **go to prison** for a long time.

GLOSSARY

against the law	against the rules of a country SYN illegal OPP legal
steal <i>pt stole pp stolen</i>	take sth belonging to sb else without permission
property [U]	sth that you have or own, e.g. a computer, jewellery
commit a crime	do sth wrong or illegal
break the law	do sth illegal/against the law
criminal	[only before a noun] connected with crime
act	a thing that you do a criminal act
minor	A minor crime is not bad or important. OPP serious
fine	money that you must pay because you have done sth wrong
killing	an act of killing sb in a way that was planned
go to prison	go to a place where criminals have to stay after they have committed a crime ALSO send sb to prison A person in prison is a prisoner . SYN jail = prison

1 Find and circle the verbs below.

fine break property violent law steal crimes send somebody to prison criminal commit illegal serious

2 Cover the glossary. Is the meaning the same or different? Write S or D.

- ▶ steal / take something belonging to someone without permission S
- 1 illegal / against the law
- 2 property / something you own
- 3 the killing of someone / an attack on someone
- 4 a criminal act / a legal act
- 5 commit a crime / break the law
- 6 a minor crime / a serious crime
- 7 prison / jail

3 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ She did something terrible, and I heard that she was sent to prison.
- 1 Have you ever a crime?
- 2 There is a lot of behaviour at night: attacks on people and cars, for example.
- 3 In nearly every country, it is not to drive on a public road without a licence.
- 4 Somebody my bike and sold it in the market.
- 5 I heard that has been stolen from several other houses in our street.
- 6 Some escaped from the jail during the fire.
- 7 The attack on the old man was a very serious of violence.
- 8 He committed a crime, and he'll probably go to for a long time.
- 9 He parked in the wrong place. It's only a crime, but it's still the law.
- 10 I've never the law.
- 11 Some young men have started carrying knives, and there have been some terrible in recent years.
- 12 I drove through a NO ENTRY sign and had to pay a of £80.



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B Types of crime

Crime	Meaning	Verb	Criminal (= a person who commits a crime)
theft	taking sth which belongs to sb else without permission	<i>He steals cars then sells them.</i>	thief (p/ thieves)
robbery	stealing from a person or place, often using violence	<i>Two men were planning to rob the bank.</i>	robber
burglary	entering a building illegally and stealing things from it	<i>They broke into the house and stole some jewellery.</i>	burglar
assault attack	hurting sb physically	<i>He assaulted/attacked a man. She stabbed the man with a knife.</i>	attacker
murder	killing sb when it is planned	<i>He murdered his neighbour. He shot her dead with his father's gun.</i>	murderer

SPOTLIGHT *steal and rob*

You **steal** money or things, but you **rob** a person or place.

- Someone has **stolen** my bike.
- I was **robbed** at the football match.
- Thieves **stole** €2,000 from the shop.
- They **robbed** the museum last night.

4 Cross out any wrong answers. Be careful: more than one answer may be wrong.

- *Rob, thief, attack* and *steal* are all verbs.
- Theft, murder, robbery* and *burglary* are all ways of getting property.
 - Theft, parking, burglary* and *assault* are all crimes.
 - Shoot, assault, stab* and *break in* are all ways of attacking people physically.
 - Assault, burglary, theft* and *murder* are acts of violence.
 - Murderer, thief, attacker* and *robbery* are all criminals.

5 True or false? Write T or F. Correct the false sentences.

- You can steal property. T
- If you murder somebody, they're dead. _____
- You stab somebody with a gun. _____
- A burglar breaks into a home. _____
- A criminal is a person. _____
- You steal a bank. _____
- Theft is stealing. _____
- You shoot somebody with a knife. _____

6 Complete the sentences.

- The thief stole \$1,000.
- Two robbers _____ into the museum and _____ three paintings. A guard tried to stop them, but one robber had a knife and _____ him in the chest.
 - The man is a _____, and has spent much of his life in prison. It's mostly for _____: he steals computers and things like that.
 - Someone _____ me on the way home last night. He had a gun and said he would _____ me if I didn't give him money and my mobile phone. It was horrible.
 - He will be in prison for the rest of his life for _____ his wife. He bought a gun and _____ her three times while she was asleep.
 - A _____ broke into our house and took jewellery and cameras.
 - The three men _____ that bank because it was in a very quiet area.
 - _____ from cars has gone down in recent years because of better security. However, _____ have increased because more young people have knives.
 - The two men took money from the post office. The _____ happened at 4 p.m.



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