

Michigan in Action

Choose the word or phrase that most appropriately completes the sentence.

- 1 The hostage was released unharmed by the kidnappers, but they were never caught and charged with _____.
a fraud
b forgery
c abduction
d trafficking
- 2 The suspect soon broke down when the police _____ him and confessed to having broken into the jewellery store.
a interrogated
b enforced
c sentenced
d charged
- 3 Please remember that as a witness, when providing your _____ in court, you will be under oath.
a warrant
b alibi
c testimony
d penalty
- 4 The jury unanimously agreed that the suspect had every intention of murdering the victim – it was a clear case of _____ murder.
a serial
b circumstantial
c extenuating
d premeditated
- 5 Mrs Kelley requires a _____ order against her violent husband who has threatened to harm her.
a restraining
b search
c solitary
d repeat
- 6 Sam has no _____ for the night of the crime and, therefore, he is the main suspect in this case.
a verdict
b surveillance
c alibi
d witness
- 7 Jane can't drive since she had her licence _____ because of her dangerous driving.
a revoked
b enforced
c penalised
d detained
- 8 It said on the news that two escaped _____ were on the run in our area!
a perpetrators
b bailiffs
c convicts
d suspects
- 9 You knowingly entered the property of Mr James without permission; this is quite clearly a case of _____.
a burglary
b trespassing
c hooliganism
d trafficking
- 10 Julie's family turned to the police after seeing that their daughter was a victim of cyberbullying and _____ by a group of individuals on a daily basis.
a harassment
b perjury
c hacking
d espionage
- 11 As a juvenile delinquent, Matthew will not be sent to prison; he will be required to spend time in _____ centre.
a an abduction
b a violation
c a detention
d a conviction
- 12 Investigators found cans of petrol at the scene of the fire, which is clear proof that the police are dealing with a case of _____.
a vandalism
b GBH
c assault
d arson
- 13 The criminal had just been released from prison and found it difficult to _____ back into society.
a demonstrate
b incarcerate
c reintegrate
d interrogate
- 14 I'm a staunch supporter of _____ providing the patient is of sound mind and able to make a decision for themselves with the guidance of medical professionals.
a manslaughter
b euthanasia
c abduction
d suicide
- 15 The solicitor advised his client to _____ not guilty to all charges.
a plead
b punish
c charge
d condone
- 16 Sandy watched in horror as the _____ men took away her TV and stereo system.
a bystander's
b bailiff's
c barrister's
d defendant's
- 17 Three members of the ship's crew were convicted of _____ immigrants on board the vessel.
a trafficking
b smuggling
c embezzling
d mugging
- 18 The computer hacker was convicted of _____ after he sold government secrets to the enemy.
a cyberbullying
b breaking-and-entering
c espionage
d kidnapping
- 19 It's a terrible shock when your home is burgled because you feel that your personal space has been _____.
a violated
b vandalised
c convicted
d detained
- 20 There was only _____ evidence; nobody actually saw the man take anything. However, he was seen leaving the building via CCTV cameras around the time of the robbery.
a extenuating
b circumstantial
c diminished
d suspended

Vocabulary in Action

A Circle the correct words. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- 1 Holland is one of the few countries in which **euthanasia** / **assisted suicide** / **manslaughter**, a way to intentionally end somebody's life, is legal.
- 2 The CEO was found guilty of **fraud** / **trafficking** / **embezzlement**; nobody could believe that he had been deceiving the company for so many months.
- 3 Unbelievable! The forest ranger himself has been charged with **arson** / **robbery** / **vandalism** after setting fire to the forest he was meant to be guarding!
- 4 The mafia boss was convicted of **money-laundering** / **burglary** / **breaking-and-entering** after it was discovered that a seemingly legal hotel business was a way of hiding the profits from his extensive drug trafficking trade.
- 5 A group of youths came before the judge on a charge of **mugging** / **assault** / **grievous bodily harm (GBH)** after they attacked a nightclub DJ with clubs and sticks.
- 6 A security expert taught the billionaire evasion techniques to help him avoid any possible **abduction** / **hooliganism** / **kidnap** attempt.
- 7 The signature on the cheques turned out to be a **forgery** / **fake** / **front**, but by then it was too late as the thief had got away with £100,000.

B Match the words 1–8 with the definitions a–h.

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| 1 abduction | ☐ | a the use of programming skills to gain illegal access to a computer |
| 2 espionage | ☐ | b secretly importing or exporting goods or people, in violation of the law |
| 3 hacking | ☐ | c the act of spying |
| 4 manslaughter | ☐ | d the illegal carrying away of a person against their will |
| 5 perjury | ☐ | e the wrongful entry into the property of others; one performs this action knowingly |
| 6 smuggling | ☐ | f bullying or intimidating actions or words which cause fear |
| 7 harassment | ☐ | g the unlawful killing of a human being, without intention |
| 8 trespassing | ☐ | h wilfully giving false testimony under oath |

C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words from exercise B.

- 1 The young whizz kid's crime was _____ into the company's computer system via the Internet in order to obtain confidential data.
- 2 The jury was convinced that the man's death was an accident, but the driver of the car that hit him was found guilty of _____ because he had been driving dangerously at the time of the accident.
- 3 Parents have been told to be particularly vigilant following three child _____ in the area in the space of three months.
- 4 The witness requested that he be allowed to change his testimony, proving to the court that he had been lying and he was subsequently charged with _____.
- 5 This is private property and I would ask you to leave immediately; otherwise you'll be prosecuted for _____.
- 6 Through industrial _____, the secret recipe for the company's new chocolate bar was stolen!
- 7 Trying to bring a few extra bottles of whiskey through customs in your luggage is actually _____, so make sure you declare anything of that nature.
- 8 Helen brought a case of sexual _____ against her former employer and successfully won the case and received compensation.