

Crime verbs

1 Complete the dialogues with the verbs below.

accusing charge committed get away
investigating suspected

- 'Why are the police questioning the neighbours?'
'They're investigating a crime.'
- 'He hasn't _____ a crime.'
'No, we know he's innocent.'
- 'They stole one of the most widely recognized paintings in the world.'
'They'll never _____ with it.'
- 'Someone has left a note on your car.'
'They're _____ me of parking illegally.'
- 'I'm certain that she stole from my purse.'
'Unless you can prove it, the police can't _____ her.'
- 'They were such a nice, normal family.'
'Yes. No one _____ them of being involved in organized crime.'

2 Match the statements to the verbs.

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| 1 <u>d</u> 'I didn't do it.' | a arrest |
| 2 _____ 'It was me, I did it.' | b get away with |
| 3 _____ 'You are under arrest. You have the right to remain silent.' | c suspect |
| 4 _____ 'You will spend the rest of your life in prison.' | d deny |
| 5 _____ 'I'm pretty sure he did it.' | e confess |
| 6 _____ 'They'll never catch us.' | f sentence |
| 7 _____ 'We need to check out the information.' | g investigate |

Extra: Crimes

3 Put the crimes under the correct heading. Some crimes may be used more than once.

arson ~~burglary~~ fraud hacking mugging
murder pickpocketing robbery shoplifting
vandalism

Crimes that involve stealing

burglary,

Crimes that always involve violence

Crimes that involve accessing data without permission

Crimes that involve damage to property

Crime that involves cheating someone

Crime that involves selling something illegal

Reporting verbs

4 Are the sentences correct (C) or incorrect (I)?

- When we criticize something, we say how good it is. C ☐ I ☒
- When a customer isn't satisfied, they may demand to see the manager. C ☐ I ☐
- When we estimate that something will happen, we're sure about it. C ☐ I ☐
- When someone alleges that something happened, we can't be sure about it. C ☐ I ☐
- When we announce something, we tell people something officially, especially about a decision or plan. C ☐ I ☐
- When we decline to comment, it's because we want to say something. C ☐ I ☐

5 Complete the dialogues with the reporting verbs below.

~~allege~~ announced criticized declined
estimate informed insisted

- 'Do the police suspect anyone of the burglary?'
'No, but the news reports allege that the victims knew the burglary.'
- 'The police didn't investigate the crime very carefully.'
'No, people _____ them for not asking more questions.'
- 'Did you find out who won the prize?'
'Yes, they _____ the winner last night. It was me!'
- 'Why was the road closed?'
'The police _____ us that it was a crime scene.'
- 'Did the suspect's boss talk to the media?'
'No, she _____ to comment.'
- 'Did you offer to help her?'
'Yes, but she _____ on doing it by herself, without any help at all.'
- 'How many people will be at the party?'
'I'm not sure, but I _____ about 100.'

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Reported speech

1 Choose the correct sentence.

- 1 **a** They told us that they would come the next day.
b They told us that they will come the next day.
- 2 a He said me that he had been working.
b He told me that he had been working.
- 3 a We asked him where did he go yesterday.
b We asked him where he went yesterday.
- 4 a Did they say when they would arrive?
b Did they say when would they arrive?
- 5 a The police officer said us not to move.
b The police officer told us not to move.
- 6 a They asked me whether I knew anything?
b They asked me whether I knew anything.
- 7 a The teacher asked me where was I born.
b The teacher asked me where I was born.
- 8 a Ana says her grandad is from Hong Kong. He still lives there.
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2 Complete the dialogue with the verb forms below.

couldn't understand 'd found 'd returned
felt ~~had happened~~ had told hadn't closed
to report

Freya Did you talk to your mum about the burglary? Did you ask her what ¹ had happened?

Ollie Yes, she said that she ² _____ from work and she ³ _____ the door open. She said that she ⁴ _____ why we ⁵ _____ the door.

Freya Oh dear!

Ollie When I talked to her, she said that she still ⁶ _____ shocked by the burglary, and that the police ⁷ _____ her ⁸ _____ it.

3 Match the two parts to make complete sentences.

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| 1 <u>d</u> He told | a that we did it. |
| 2 _____ He said that | b had happened next. |
| 3 _____ He asked us what | c we were lying. |
| 4 _____ He asked | d us that we were wrong. |
| 5 _____ He says | e us if we knew the |
| 6 _____ He told us | f to stop denying it. |

Reporting verbs

4 Complete the dialogues with the verbs below.

admitted explained mention offered
~~promised~~ promised

- 1 'Did Dad say that he would be back soon?'
'Yes, he promised to be quick.'
- 2 'Did you understand why we couldn't visit?'
'Yes, she _____ that visitors aren't allowed because of the new rules.'
- 3 'Did you give the police all the details?'
'Yes, but I forgot to _____ that I suspected someone.'
- 4 'Did you borrow this book?'
'Yes, and I _____ to give it back next week.'
- 5 'So the boss owned up to the crime?'
'Yes, he _____ to committing fraud.'
- 6 'Did the police find the painting?'
'No, but the owner has _____ to pay for information about it.'

5 Are the sentences correct (C) or incorrect (I)?

- 1 They recommend to lock the doors. C ☐ I ☒
- 2 He apologized about making the mistake. C ☐ I ☐
- 3 They refused believe the suspect. C ☐ I ☐
- 4 They confirmed that they lived at the same address. C ☐ I ☐
- 5 They encouraged to tell the truth. C ☐ I ☐
- 6 They warned me not to say anything. C ☐ I ☐

6 Choose the correct verbs.

- 1 The woman ... that the neighbours' music was too loud.
a accused **b** complained c reminded
- 2 The police ... the victim to speak.
a invited b agreed c promised
- 3 The suspect ... committing the crime.
a refused b denied c explained
- 4 My friend ... to lend me money when my credit card was stolen.
a offered b advised c encouraged
- 5 Don't ... the victim for getting her bag stolen.
a apologize b blame c accuse
- 6 They ... us not to walk alone at night.
a warned b confirmed c mentioned

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Crime verbs

1 Look at the pictures. Complete the words.



- 1 She thinks she will **get** _____ **away** _____ with it.
- 2 In the end, the judge **s** _____ the bank robber to five years.
- 3 The police have **a** _____ him for stealing a car.
- 4 The police use these to **i** _____ a crime.
- 5 Dan's mum **a** _____ him of lying yesterday.
- 6 When his boss asked about the mistake, he **d** _____ doing anything wrong.

2 Put the sentences in the correct order to make a dialogue.

- a _____ **Ava** Yes, she couldn't deny it when they showed her the video.
- b _____ **Zak** Did they get her to confess?
- c **1** _____ **Ava** Do you remember me having my bag stolen from the department store?
- d _____ **Zak** Good, I'm glad she didn't get away with it.
- e _____ **Ava** Well, it says in this report that the police have arrested that old lady and charged her.
- f _____ **Zak** Yes, we suspected an old lady who appeared on the store's security camera.

Extra: Crimes

3 Find and correct the mistakes in the **bold** words. One word is correct.

- 1 A man was arrested for **arson** after stealing money and jewellery from the actor's home. burglary

- 2 They were charged with **burglary** after the body was discovered in their garden. _____
- 3 He was suspected of **murder** after empty petrol cans were found in his garage. _____
- 4 She was charged with **shoplifting** after painting a slogan on the wall of a public building. _____
- 5 He denied **vandalism** so the store detective searched his bags. _____
- 6 She committed **fraud** by lying about her age to get a job. _____

Reporting verbs

4 Complete the verbs in the dialogue.

- Evie** Hi Ally, how are your downstairs neighbours?
Ally We're still having problems, I'm afraid.
Evie Have you tried talking to them?
Ally Yes, but they still ¹**criticize** us for making too much noise. Really, it's unbelievable! We try to be as quiet as possible.
Evie What are they ²**a** _____ you of exactly?
Ally They say that they sleep in the afternoon and we mustn't make any noise between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. They ³**a** _____ that they can hear us dancing!
Evie That's really annoying for you. Do you all wear slippers?
Ally Of course, Mum ⁴**i** _____ that we're as quiet as possible. But they sometimes knock on the door and ⁵**d** _____ to speak to us.
Evie I think your parents should ⁶**i** _____ the police.
Ally Sadly, the police ⁷**d** _____ to get involved.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

announce ~~decline~~ demand estimate
inform insist

- 1 The suspect has declined to comment.
- 2 The mayor _____ that the cameras will cut crime in the area by 20%.
- 3 Go and _____ the neighbour that you'll call the police if she doesn't turn her music down.
- 4 Apparently, the shop owner has _____ to speak to the head teacher about the students.
- 5 Kai _____ that he knew the answer, but we all know he copied from his friend.
- 6 Juno _____ that he was going to train to become a police officer after high school.

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Reported speech

- 1 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs below.

be have make not be suspect tell want

Mia Why was that police officer in your class?

Oscar She's investigating crime in the area. She ¹ told us that there ² a lot of shoplifting recently. She asked if anyone ³ any information that they ⁴ to share.

Mia And did they say why they ⁵ us?

Oscar No. My friend Ava said that it ⁶ only kids who stole from shops and asked what ⁷ the police think that children from our school were involved.

Mia Good for Ava! I don't know why they're always so quick to blame us!

- 2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- What did the detective ask?
if / asked / we / any / He / had / questions
He asked if we had any questions.
- What did the police officer say?
found / that / said / had / She / the police / the stolen car / the previous day

- What did your friend ask?
asked / I / whether / the suspect / She / me / know

- What did they say to the witness?
the case / told / not / talk / They / about / her / to

- Why did the police decline to comment?
give / said / they / They / couldn't / that / any details / us

Reporting verbs

- 3 Complete the dialogue with the correct reporting verbs.

Mia Did you listen to the report about the fire in the local school?

Leo Yes, everyone ¹ blames each other for allowing it to happen, and they all ² c that it was an accident.

Mia Did they ³ m that it started in the science department?

Leo Yes, they all ⁴ a that the experiment had not been conducted correctly.

Mia So are they ⁵ a the science teacher of not taking enough care?

Leo No, it isn't as simple as that. The science teacher ⁶ c that he wasn't responsible for the accident. He ⁷ e that the wrong labels were on the bottles. He ⁸ r them that he wasn't the only one with a key to the laboratory.

- 4 Choose the correct words to complete the text.

HOME ABOUT ADD STORY ARCHIVE

Honest shoppers surprise manager

A local website ¹ that shoppers found a supermarket open yesterday without any staff. Customers ² that they hadn't realized it was a holiday and they went to the supermarket for their shopping as usual. The manager of the supermarket ³ that the staff had forgotten to lock the doors the night before. The manager ⁴ that nothing had been stolen from the shop. Some customers bought a few things and left notes in which they ⁵ to pay the shop later. The manager was astonished by their honesty and ⁶ to pay for their shopping!

- a agreed (b) reported c denied
- a warned b asked c explained
- a refused b admitted c denied
- a blamed b complained c confirmed
- a claimed b promised c denied
- a offered b advised c invited

- 5 Match the two parts to make complete sentences. There are two letters that you do not need to use.

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 e The suspect confirmed | a to confess to the burglary. |
| 2 The store detective accused | b the window had been broken for days. |
| 3 The children claimed that | c them of walking out without paying. |
| 4 The police don't recommend | d leaving doors unlocked. |
| 5 They encouraged the suspect | e that the car belonged to him. |
| 6 The police invited the driver to | f fall asleep at the wheel. |
| | g attend a course about road safety. |
| | h for hurting the victim. |

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Crime verbs

- 1 Read the social media post and write a reply. Use some of the crime verbs in Unit 6.

HOME BLOG ABOUT LOG IN

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It's happened again! Two cars have been stolen from the supermarket car park in the last month. People are getting away with robbery every day in the neighbourhood. Why aren't the police investigating this? Someone must have seen something. And if the police do arrest and charge someone, they're only sentenced to a few months in prison!

REPLY COMMENT SHARE

The police have to investigate these crimes but also people should ...

- 2 Answer the questions. Write one or two complete sentences for each question.

- What happens when someone is arrested?
When someone is arrested, the police put handcuffs on them and take them to the police station.
- What kinds of people are more likely to commit a crime?

- How are crimes investigated? Is it different on TV and in reality?

- How do you think someone feels when they confess to a crime?

- How do people and the media react if someone gets away with a serious crime?

- Do you think it's right to sentence a person to life imprisonment?

Extra: Crimes

- 3 Match the statements with the crimes. There are two letters that you do not need to use.

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|---|-----------------------|
| 1 <u>d</u> 'My jewellery was stolen from my home.' | a hacking |
| 2 <u> </u> 'The fire was not an accident.' | b vandalism |
| 3 <u> </u> 'Windows were broken and equipment was destroyed.' | c robbery |
| 4 <u> </u> 'My wallet was stolen from my pocket.' | d burglary |
| 5 <u> </u> 'He had a knife and told me to give him my phone.' | e arson |
| 6 <u> </u> 'These passports are fake.' | f mugging |
| 7 <u> </u> 'The suspect has left the store without paying.' | g shoplifting |
| 8 <u> </u> 'A painting has been stolen from the museum.' | h pickpocketing |
| | i fraud |
| | j murder |

Reporting verbs

- 4 Tick (✓) the correct sentences. Correct the wrong ones.

- He announced ~~which~~ he was getting married.
that
- They alleged that the politician had broken the law.

- He was criticized for being lazy.

- He declined commenting on the disaster.

- The parents demanded that they talk to the headteacher.

- She estimated it to finish in a few days.

- They always insist to be right.

Consolidation

- 5 Imagine that a detective is interviewing a suspect about a crime. Report the interview using reporting verbs, crime verbs and crimes.

The detective demanded to know ...

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Reported speech

1 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- The detective asked the witness if he knew the suspect.
- The officer asked them to get out of the car.
- The driver was hurt and he said that he could not walk.
- She said that she might be late.
- He asked them what they wanted to eat.
- He told us not to leave the windows open.
- She always says 'hello' and asks us how we are.
- They've just phoned to say that they will be here in a minute.

2 Write about a recent conversation (real or imagined) that you had with someone. Use reported speech.

Include answers to these questions:

- What did they ask you?
- What did you tell them?
- What didn't you tell them?
- What did you ask them?
- What did they tell you?

Yesterday my friend asked me if I was busy and if I wanted to hang out.

3 Imagine you are reporting a crime. Write five more sentences about what the witnesses told you. Use the words below and your own ideas.

asked if said told what whether

I asked the witnesses whether they had heard anything.

Reporting verbs

4 Read the dialogue. Put the events in the correct order.

Man I didn't do it!

Police officer We know you did it because your fingerprints are on the weapon. Come on, admit it.

Man It was the other guy, not me.

Police officer Remember that we can tell if someone's lying.

Man I won't say any more.

Police officer If you confess to the crime, we'll help you.

Man I'll give you some information, if you let me go.

- They offered to help him.
- They encouraged him to admit it.
- 1 The man denied doing it.
- They reminded him that they knew when someone was lying.
- He blamed the other guy.
- He promised to give them some information if they let him go.
- He refused to co-operate.
- They explained why they thought he'd done it.

5 Complete the sentences about crime and punishment.

- People who decline to comment might have something to hide.
- When people get out of prison, they promise _____.
- When newspapers report a crime, they usually mention _____.
- When people are caught committing a crime, they sometimes claim _____.
- An honest person usually refuses _____.
- When mistakes are made, people often blame _____.
- If someone is the victim of a crime, friends should offer _____.
- If you're interested in crime stories, I recommend _____.

Consolidation

6 Think about a criminal case, real or fictional. Answer the questions. Write one or two complete sentences for each question.

- What did the suspects claim?

They claimed that they were innocent and that they had nothing to do with the crime.

- What did the news reports mention about the suspects?
- _____
- _____

- What did the public say about the case?
- _____
- _____

- Who did the victim's family blame?
- _____
- _____

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