3a Reading Skills

Reading

Study skills

Choosing headings
To choose the heading that best describes each paragraph, look for key words/phrases which are examples or synonyms of the words in each heading.

1 **Read the title of the text and the headings below. What do you think the text is about?**
Listen, read and check.

A NASTY ATTACK
B UNLUCKY MUGGERS
C FRAUD VICTIM
D CAUGHT IN THE ACT
E COMMON TRICK

2 **Read again and match each posting (1-4) with a heading (A-F). There is one heading that you do not need to use. Which words/phrases helped you to find the answers?**

3 **Match the underlined words/phrases with their meanings: *got into by force; trusting/easily tricked; small/minor; take someone's attention away from something; was deceived; recently; in shock; remove it with a cloth; unexpectedly.* Then explain the words in bold.**

Vocabulary

Crime & the law

4 **a** **Use words from the text to complete the table.**

Crime	Criminal	Verb
bank robbery	bank robber	rob (a bank)
burglary	.....	burgle (sb's house)
mugging	.....	mug sb
shoplifting	shoplifter	shoplift
theft	.....	steal (a car)
vandalism	vandal	vandalise (sth)
pickpocketing	.....	steal (sb's purse)
kidnapping	kidnapper	kidnap (sb)

HAVE YOU BEEN THE VICTIM OF A CRIME?

1

Tue Oct 26 16:34:06
Debbie
A couple of months ago, I received a letter out of the blue saying I'd won a prize in an international **lottery**. I couldn't even remember buying a ticket! Anyway, I **contacted** the people the letter was from, who asked me to send them a **'fee'** to **process** my **winnings**. Like an **idiot**, I fell for it and sent them the money. I realised it was a **scam** when I didn't hear from them again. So basically, the 'prizes' don't exist. These terrible fraudsters are just trying to trick gullible people (like me!) into sending them money. The police say they've been investigating this crime for a while now, but they haven't found the culprits yet.

2

Mon Nov 1 09:03:12
Steve
Burglars recently broke into our house while we were sleeping upstairs! My sister and I heard a noise, so we woke up our dad, who called the police. By the time the police arrived, though, the burglars had gone. While we were checking what they had taken, a neighbour reported a burglary at their house too. The police caught them red-handed! My dad's got to give evidence in court in a few weeks!

b **Which of the crimes is most serious? Compare with a partner, for which of these crimes would someone:**

- go to court
- pay a fine
- go to prison
- get off with a warning
- do community service

5 **Choose the correct words. Check in the Word List.**

1 Adam has got to go to court for a driving offence/c[illegible]

LIVEWORKSHEETS